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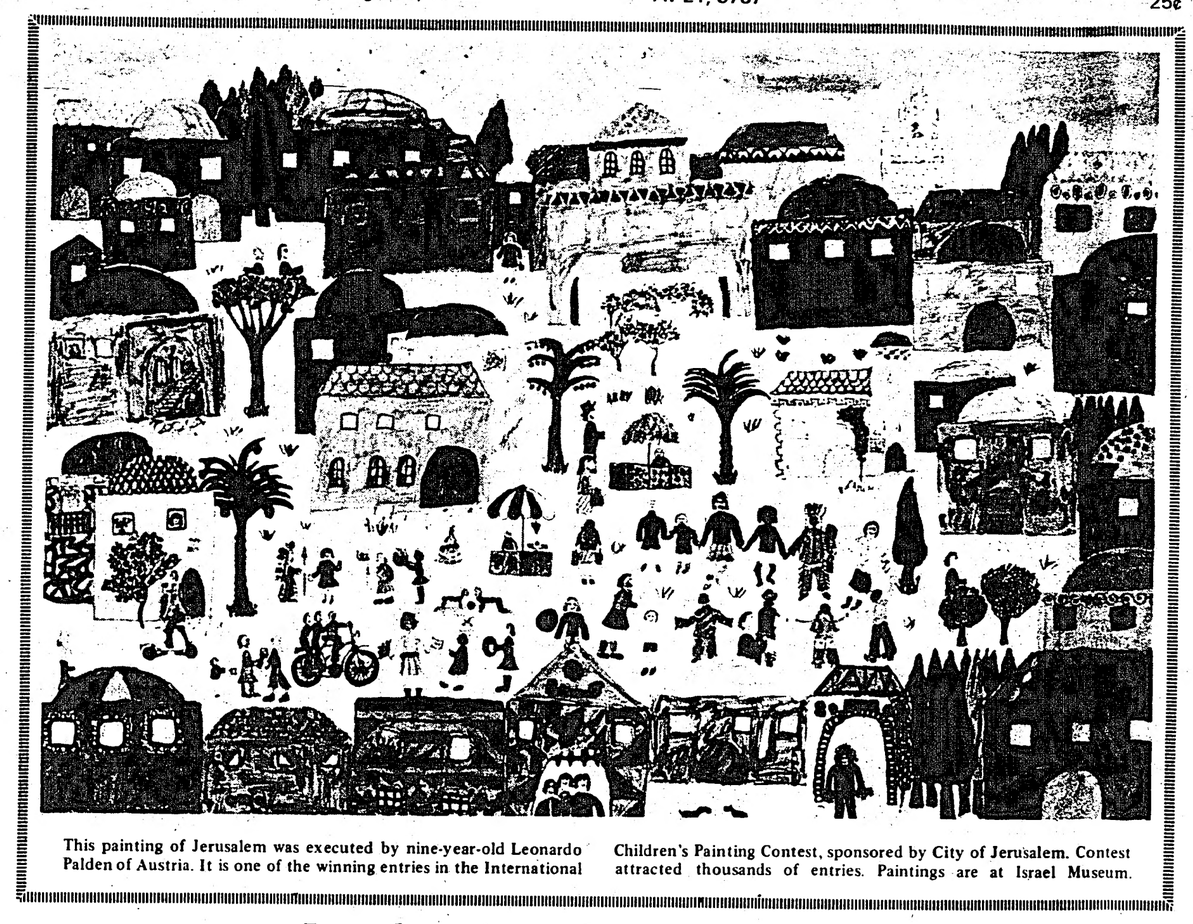

This painting of Jerusalem was executed by nine-year-old Leonardo Palden of Austria. It is one of the winning entries in the International Children's Painting Contest, sponsored by City of Jerusalem. Contest attracted thousands of entries. Paintings are at Israel Museum.

Canada backs Israel on Red Cross dispute

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
Associate Editor

TORONTO —

Canada has come out in full support of Israel's position on the Red Shield of David emblem, Defence Minister Barney Danson told The Canadian Jewish News in a telephone call from Ottawa.

The decision to support Israel's effort to have the emblem of the Magen David Adom accepted by the international governing body of the Red Cross was arrived at by the External Affairs ministry, Danson said.

Opposition to the Red Shield emblem has been the stumbling block that has kept the Magen David Adom from gaining admission to world membership.

The International Red Cross recognizes three emblems or symbols — the Cross, the Moslem Crescent and the Red Lion and Sun of Iran. Israel, the only nation whose national first aid society (Magen David Adom) is not a member of the International Red Cross, uses the Red Shield of David. Israel says it will never use the Cross as its emblem.

The two top-ranking Canadian Jewish community professionals involved in the Red Cross struggle, and the Israel embassy in Ottawa, expressed satisfaction with the Canadian government decision.

"I am delighted Canada has joined the U.S. and Australia in taking this stand," said Alan Rose, executive vice-president of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Moshe Ofer, spokesman for the Israel embassy, called the move "gratifying", adding "we would have expected it from Canada".

Herb Levy, B'nai B'rith District 22 executive vice-president, said his organization appreciated and acknowledged Canadian government support in regard to the issue of recognition of the Israeli emblem.

However, he continued to deplore the attitude of the Canadian Red Cross for its failure to support the full recognition and admission of Magen David Adom "within the context of its (Canadian Red Cross) rights to express its views."

The Canadian Red Cross has only stated that if the emblem problem was solved it would welcome Magen David Adom "if it chooses to apply and assume all the responsibilities of membership."

The next meeting of the International Red Cross Conference is scheduled this autumn for Bucharest, Romania. Danson said the External Affairs Ministry clarification of this country's position "recognized that the issue is central to the concerns of the Jewish people."

The International Red Cross Conference is the supreme deliberative body composed of national societies and states party to the Geneva Convention. As a signatory, Israel will be at the Bucharest conference, but it is not yet clear whether the question of the emblem and Israel's entry to the Red Cross will come to a vote.

Magen David Adom is not a member of the League for Red Cross Societies because of its failure to use a recognized symbol. If a positive vote on their symbol took place at the conference, Magen David Adom would be accepted into the League.

Athletes amass medals

TORONTO —

Canada amassed 23 medals at the recently completed Maccabiah Games in Israel, up from the total of 16 won four years ago. This country finished seventh overall with eight golds, three silver and 12 bronze.

Reporting the results, Alex Fisher of Toronto, chairman of the Canadian Maccabiah Games Association, expressed delight with the showing, especially in wrestling and badminton.

Two golds each in wrestling (freestyle and Greco-Roman) were captured by Lazar Ostrinsky of Montreal and Howard Stupp of Montreal. A gold and a silver each were won by wrestlers Len Gang of Toronto and Garry Kallos of Montreal.

Wrestling winners of two bronze each were Neil Gordon of Montreal and Ken White of Toronto.

Another standout for Canada was Saskatoon's Mike Epstein, who garnered two golds in badminton.

In fencing, Yves Levy of Montreal won a silver in his event while Gerald Wiviott of Montreal was recipient of a bronze.

Brian Aarons of Montreal captured a bronze in karate as did Anne McGeachy of Toronto in gymnastics.

Canada's basketball team finished third as expected behind the U.S. and Israel.

The team of Shirley Keller of Toronto and Joyce Hecht of Montreal won a bronze in table tennis and a relay quartet of Victor Ivry of Montreal, Mark Viminitz of Vancouver, Robert Luxemberg of Montreal and Kirsten Feldman of Ottawa captured a swimming bronze.

Other medallists were Mitchell Geller of Montreal with a bronze in diving and Elaine Luxemberg of Montreal with a swimming bronze.

Finishing ahead of Canada in the medals were the U.S., Israel, South Africa, the Netherlands, France and Australia.

Israel praises electronics genius

'Mystery man' wins honor

TORONTO [Staff] —

Just about a year ago, Israeli commandos made a startling, daredevil raid into Entebbe. Yet, with the proliferation of non-fiction novellas on the theme, the part possibly played by a discreet Toronto appliance repairman and electrical wizard was never revealed.

In fact, while Syd Hurwich suspects that a secret military device he tinkered with in the cluttered workshop in his basement may have masterminded the coup, the whole subject is so confidential, the Israelis haven't even told him.

The 63-year-old grandfather of four was reluctant to elaborate on the mechanics of his device, for which he recently was awarded a medal from the Israeli government for "saving thousands of lives." But, he says, mysteriously: "It's based on a principle of electricity used in every household, every day of the week."

Only furtively will he reveal that the device is capable of almost magically freezing moving metal parts — such as in the timing device of a bomb, or the rotary mechanism of a tank. He cautiously closes off questioning on how the apparatus was employed in the Uganda rescue campaign.

The whole intrigue began for Hurwich in 1969 when, on hearing of large-scale local bank robberies, he decided to develop an instrument to create a burglar-proof vault.

To the amazement of bank security representatives and the police, the device proved a success beyond all expectations. It was only then that its potential military use occurred to its inventor.

Israel was a natural turning point for Hurwich, who was a bomb and munitions expert in the Civil Defence Committee during World War II. His late brother Sam, a fervent Zionist who followed in the footsteps of his grandfather, a shoichet, served as Syd's "Israeli connection".

In clandestine meetings, Israeli military attaches met with Hurwich in his Ridge Hill home. No communication passed their hands on paper and surreptitiously the plans for the instrument moved into Israeli control.

That was about six years ago, and he has heard no word from the Israelis ever since — until the recent medal, officially presented at

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Syd Hurwich

Professor says Arabs buying academic chairs

TORONTO [Staff] —

An Israeli scholar on an exchange program here says Arabs are "buying their way" into North American universities by endowing academic chairs "with strings attached".

Yoram Dinstein, a visiting professor at the University of Toronto the past year, says non-Jewish academics, in Canada as well as the U.S., are increasingly influenced by the Arab oil lobby — to the extent that it affects their perspective on Israel.

"In Alberta, the Arab influence is very strong in Calgary and Edmonton," because of their joint interest in oil production, said the Tel Aviv law professor. He did not elaborate other than to say "the oil lobby has some say in the universities in the province."

Brought to Toronto under the auspices of the Canada-Israel Foundation for Academic Exchanges, Dinstein stressed in a brief interview that he was offering his personal viewpoint and not the stance of the foundation. His comments were solicited following the foundation's annual meeting at the Sutton Place Hotel here last week.

An articulate expert in international law, Dinstein noted that U.S. academics on the whole are more politicized than their Canadian counterparts. Canadians are, by choice, he added, "not all that interested in what is happening outside their borders."

While it was the fashion in the 1960s for Jewish academics to be attracted to the "new left" and its perception of the Mideast, he said, that fad has changed somewhat. Canadian Jewish academics are generally sympathetic to Israel, "some, fortunately, exceptionally so."

Dinstein is returning to Israel after a demanding year of teaching, university lectures and guest appearances at Jewish community activities. The exchange program, he noted, offered an opportunity to "disseminate the basic truth about Israel that is not generally known."

Turning down offers for a similar exchange in the U.S., he came to Canada because the foundation for academic exchanges, here, was "mission-oriented". The academic "spends part of the time not just to advance a career, but to serve as a missionary for Israel."

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Profits at El Al reach $280,000

TORONTO —

El Al's net profit for the fiscal year 1976-77 was $280,000 compared to last year's deficit of $1.2 million. In the July 29 issue of The CJN, the profit was erroneously stated to be $16,000.

Israel's national airline increased its total operating profit to a record $5.8 million compared to $1.8 million last year. This increase of 222% is unprecedented in El Al's history.

During 1976-77, El Al successfully put into operation its 747 convertible passenger/cargo A/C and completed a five-year development plan for the purchase of four Boeing 747s. The first, a cargo type plane, has been delivered.

Airline President Mordechai Ben-Ari said the year was a most significant one as after two years of stagnation it regained momentum in traffic and revenue, improved its economic structure and commenced a new and intensive phase of development.

Begin survives vote in Knesset

JERUSALEM [Special] —

An 8½ hour debate — one of the longest in recent Knesset history — saw Menachem Begin win a vote of confidence on his report of the Washington meeting with President Carter. The vote was 59 to 36 with 25 abstentions.

At no time during the long, drawn-out proceedings did the debate get out of hand, but Begin was the target of vigorous attack by Opposition speakers, with Shimon Peres prominent in the barrage of criticism.

Begin defended his actions and declared that he had reached an understanding with President Carter, though not total agreement on all questions. Replying to criticism that the action of the Likud cabinet in legalizing three settlements on the West Bank had caused a strain in relations with the United States, Begin said the settlements were legal and quoted international law to support his position.

Peres, defence minister in the previous Labor government, asserted that Begin came away from Washington with no real gain, and his action in legalizing the West Bank settlements was a retrograde step.

Meanwhile, U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance has opened a new round of talks with Arab leaders, and his first stop was in Cairo where he is reported to have had an encouraging talk with President Anwar Sadat. Vance's 10-day mission will end with a visit to Jerusalem where he will confer with the Begin cabinet on the result of his efforts to get the Geneva peace conference started in October.

First Canadian elected to head men's federation

MONTREAL —

Dr. Morton R. Lang of Montreal is the first Canadian to assume the office of national president of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs.

He was installed last Wednesday at the closing dinner of the 48th annual national convention of the federation at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel before more than 500 delegates representing over 375 men's clubs in Conservative synagogues from coast to coast in Canada and the United States.

The ceremony was led by Rabbi Joel S. Geffen of New York, national spiritual advisor of the federation with the assistance of Rabbi Allan Langner of Congregation Beth-El.

Dr. Lang is a practising dentist in Montreal and a graduate of McGill University where he was editor of the McGill Dental Journal and vice-president of the Dental Undergraduate Society. He is a past-president of the Mount Royal Dental Society and the Montreal chapter of Alpha Omega Fraternity and a past national regent of the Dental Fraternity.

He is at present the director general of Les Journees Dentaires Du Quebec, the annual convention of the Order of Dentists of Quebec.

He has served the Montreal community as president of Congregation Beth-El and its men's club. Dr. Lang is a past-president of the Solomon Schechter Academy and was co-opted to the national executive of Canadian Jewish Congress.

Dr. Morton R. Lang

He was appointed to the board of health of the Town of Mount Royal by Mayor Reginald Dawson and is a past chairman of the Town's Youth Council.

Referring to the fact that the men's club has been traditionally the training ground for Jewish leaders in the Conservative synagogue movement and the communities in general, Dr. Lang pledged his administration to a program leading toward increased Hebrew literacy.

In his acceptance address, he said the entire membership should be involved in attaining greater knowledge and pride in Jewish history and heritage; the ability to participate meaningfully and to lead in Jewish practice, ceremony and custom.

STOICAL NATALYA SCHARANSKY FIGHTS FOR HUSBAND'S LIFE

Anatoly Scharansky

By TOBA KORENBLUM

TORONTO —

"Detente is built on the bones of dissidents," the 26-year-old young woman says pensively, in a smooth-flowing Russian. "If the dissident movement is suffering in Russia, it is because of detente."

Poised and uncharacteristically sombre for her years, Natalya Scharansky speaks with the ease and verve of a seasoned statesman. For five months now she has toured Europe and North America to rally support for her husband Anatoly, a Refusenik imprisoned on trumped-up accusations of treason.

She hasn't seen the 29-year-old computer mathematician for three years, since she left the Soviet Union the day after her marriage. And she has had no written or voice contact with him since his arrest five months ago. "I don't have the right to sit and cry," she says stoically through a translator. "It's going to be the end of the Jews in Russia."

The quietly determined Mrs. Scharansky, known by the name Avital in Israel, is realistically cautious about being too optimistic about her husband's case. She arrived here Monday for an 11-day stay to confer with Ottawa politicians and cabinet ministers.

A group of her husband's relatives greeted her warmly, for the first time, at the Sutton Place Hotel and excitedly chatted in Russian and Hebrew, relating family tales and sketching the Scharansky genealogy on a piece of paper.

Her trip comes short on the heels of a meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, who assured her that he raised the plight of Prisoners of Conscience in talks with U.S. President Jimmy Carter. Begin is only one of a number of heads of state, senators, and members of parliament she has met in an exhausting tour that has included conversations with Willy Brandt and Carter's counsel, Robert Lipshutz.

"All kinds of politicians have promised me they would act discreetly," she whispers quickly. "But I haven't seen the fruits of quiet diplomacy." While she notes her story has aroused sympathy on her travels, she adds that most people are unwilling to examine the underlying politics of the Scharansky case.

"Yesterday there was Sylva Zalmanson," she says, referring to another Russian Jewess who crusaded on behalf of her husband. "Today, there is me. And tomorrow there will be some other poor woman. Then they'll say the whole issue isn't sensational enough.

"Why does this world seem to be interested in these cases," she says, adding bitterly, "but, they don't ask why there is such anti-Semitism?" Her prognosis for Soviet Jewry is similarly bleak; pogroms are not a phenomenon of the future, but a reality of the present. "You don't have to wait until the blood is poured," she warns, equating today's climate with the Stalinist purges in the 1950s.

Raised in the Ukraine, near Kiev, the moody, dark-eyed Avital Scharansky is attuned to Soviet tactics and wary of seeming displays of concession on the part of the Kremlin. "It's not enough just on the eve of the Belgrade conference to release a couple of Jews, and then the world applauds," she observes. "Until the world declares war and publicly condemns anti-Semitism, there are going to be pogroms." She pauses slightly, her hands fidgeting. "There are pogroms right now."

Mrs. Scharansky, who has been living in Israel along with a brother, left parents behind in Moscow. She averts her eyes and prefers not to talk of them for fear of jeopardizing their safety and only says they are assimilationists and devoted Communists. She, herself, is Orthodox.

Her Toronto lawyer, Joe Pomerant, admires her quiet resolve. "She's a rare person," he says. "She had three years of quiet anonymous happiness ripped away from her because of the Russians. Despite that, she has retained her nobility, dignity and softness — the best answer to Soviet indignity."

Pomerant, assisting Toronto relatives of Scharansky, criticizes Canada's diplomatic approach to the dissident's case as "counterproductive" and yielding "to human rights blackmail....The patience of thousands of people who expect the Canadian government to represent and stand for justice is beginning to wear thin."

He recently returned from a two-week trip to Paris, London, Rome and Jerusalem where he conferred with jurists, academics and Soviet Jewry groups.

An October conference in The Hague, which Pomerant is involved in co-ordinating, will attract international authorities to the Anatoly Scharansky symposium of justice. A recent supreme court ruling in France, reviewing material and witness testimony, acquitted the activist.

If Western countries fail to censure the Soviet Union, the trial lawyer fears that complacency may become "a contagious commodity." That is the battle that Avital Scharansky says she is now contesting every day.

World News

Dry Bones

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Prof. Alexander Voronel (left) and Prof. and Mrs. Mark Azbel get together at Tel Aviv University. The two physicists recently arrived from the Soviet Union following a long struggle to emigrate.

Begin rebutts criticism from Rabin, Labor leaders over U.S.—Israel relations

By GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM [JTA] — Premier Menachem Begin returned from the U.S. and launched into an angry rebuttal of criticism levelled against him by former permier Yitzhak Rabin and other Labor Alignment leaders.

In a brief press conference at Ben-Gurion Airport, Begin flatly rejected Rabin's contention that he had failed to co-ordinate U.S.-Israel policy and thereby opened the way for an inevitable confrontation when the Geneva conference is reconvened.

He attacked the former Rabin government for creating a "bitter confrontation" with the U.S. which his government, he claimed, has succeeded in ending.

He said that by trying to reach an agreement with Washington before the Geneva conference, Rabin had actually asked for American pressure.

"Of course the Americans were willing to reach a prior agreement but an agreement according to their terms," Begin said.

He also claimed that Rabin's meetings with Carter last March were a "very difficult conversation," in contrast, apparently, to the "rapport" that he succeeded in establishing with the president.

"Not only is there no confrontation, there is even a promise for arms supplies," Begin said. He said the arms are worth $250 million and, contrary to custom, he mentioned 19 Cobra helicopters for anti-tank warfare as one "of the most important items promised."

He acknowledged that differences existed with the U.S. "They are well known, but we did not ask to reach an agreement with the U.S. before Geneva," he said.

Opposition, Histadrut avoid showdown

Labor accepts cutbacks

JERUSALEM [JTA] — The flare-up of anger over the government's surprise announcement of drastic new fiscal measures has subsided into stoic acceptance of what most Israelis seem to regard as necessary, if distasteful economic medicine.

Labor Alignment leaders in the Knesset and Histadrut have adopted a moderate stance and are obviously not inclined toward a showdown with the Likud regime at this time.

Labor's Knesset faction rejected a proposed no-confidence motion when the Knesset debated the new economic measures. They were approved by a vote of 60 to 35.

Members of the Labor-dominated Histadrut Central Committee turned down a proposed warning strike. But Histadrut will organize protest meetings during working hours at places of employment all over the country.

Observers said one reason Histadrut is backing away from a showdown is the fear that it will have no support from the Likud workers who voted in the Histadrut elections. Likud polled 28% of that vote and remains a sizable minority within the trade union federation.

Finance Minister Simcha Erlich claimed that he had invited Histadrut Secretary-General Yeruham Meshel to discuss the fiscal measures with him last month in secrecy.

But Meshel refused on grounds that economic plans had to be treated openly before the entire Central Committee. Erlich said that was the reason Histadrut was not informed or consulted in advance of his announcement.

Most observers appeared to agree that secrecy was necessary to prevent the kind of wild buying sprees and hoarding that occurred in the past whenever the public had advance knowledge of pending price hikes.

Erlich said the Bank of Israel would have had to print more money and pump it into the economy if the Treasury had failed to reduce subsidies. That would have sent prices soaring, he said.

Former finance minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz described the new measure as a "correction of course." Basically, he said, the budget and program of the former Labor government remains and Likud has introduced no new economic program.

Butz fails to explain sources behind book

LONDON [JCNS] — A press conference convened here to mark the launching of a book called **The Hoax of the Twentieth Century**, by A.R. Butz, ended without solving the main mystery — who is behind its publication and what are its sources of finance?

The book claims that a systematic extermination policy of Jews by the Nazis never took place. It was serialized in West Germany by the Deutsche Nationale and Soldatenzeitung, an extremist right-wing nationalist paper.

In Britain it was published by the Historical Review Press of Chapel Ascote, Warwickshire. The press conference was called by the book's publisher, Robin Beauclaire, a 58-year-old Warwickshire farmer, who styles himself a former member of a body called the Racial Preservation Society.

In answer to a question, Dr. Butz, who is associate professor of electrical engineering and computer sciences at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., denied that research assistants or any other persons had to write the book. The denial failed to elicit the sources on which the book is based.

Dr. Butz, explaining his motivation in writing the book, said that when he started to read the literature on the Holocaust, the legend started to take a definite shape in his mind as a hoax. He reached the point when he simply could not take his mind off the subject. "Then I thought: Why not write a book about it?"

Denying that there ever was a Nazi extermination policy for Jews, Dr. Butz added: "It seems reasonable to me that a million (Jews) might have died." The "camps had indeed a high death rate, but camps like Bergen Belsen were merely starvation camps." He denied that gas chambers in camps like Auschwitz were used to kill Jews.

He claimed that some documents of the Holocaust period were forged, other capable of dual interpretation.

"There never was a mass extermination of Jews, there never was a mass extermination by gas," Dr. Butz asserted, although "there were pogroms against Jews during the Second World War in Eastern Europe."

He added that all the historians reporting the extermination of Jews by the Nazis had been terrorized, although he declined to elaborate by whom and for what purpose.

Dr. Butz, who claimed that he is not a racialist or an anti-Semite, admitted that "my book is certainly trying to discredit the Zionist movement."

Law of Return to be amended, claim rabbis

NEW YORK [JTA] — Leaders of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada claimed that Premier Menachem Begin has reiterated commitments made to his religious coalition partners, including a promise to do everything possible to obtain a Knesset majority to amend the Law of Return.

In a statement the Orthodox rabbis presented their version of a meeting with Begin at the home of Rabbi Moshe Feinstein, president of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis, before Begin left for Washington.

The statement quoted Feinstein as saying: "I have already pointed out numerous times, in writing and in speech, of the inherent danger in the who is a Jew law which recognizes false conversions, and it is, therefore, most important Mr. Begin's promise to amend the law so it will clearly state that the conversions are valid only if performed according to halacha."

Begin, according to the rabbis, promised to include just such an amendment.

Dayan to attend UN Assembly

WASHINGTON [JCNS] — Israel's Foreign Minister, Moshe Dayan, is expected to attend the next session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

Also expected there are the Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy and other Arab ministers. This, it is believed here, will allow intensive behind-the-scenes consultation between the United States, the Soviet Union and other states involved in the Middle East dispute, concerning the proposed re-convening of the Geneva peace talks.

By the end of September, it will be clear whether there is to be a Geneva conference in October. Cyrus Vance, the American secretary of state now in the Middle East, will explain Israel's peace proposals, which were presented recently to President Carter by Israel Prime Minister Menachem Begin. Vance will try to assure the Arabs that the proposals are not necessarily endorsed by the United States and that Begin had told President Carter that everything is open to negotiation.

A new JNF forest

JERUSALEM [JTA] — The Jewish National Fund is planting a 10,000-tree forest commemorating 101 members of the Association of American and Canadian Immigrants who have died in Israel's wars, the JNF announced.

The forest will be in the Judaean Hills in the Jerusalem corridor. A statue with the names of the 101 dead was unveiled recently. Five of the children of the dead planted five saplings marking the five wars in which Israel has been involved since 1948.

Another JNF venture begun last week was the dedication of a 12.5-acre recreational area at the foothills of the Carmel range known as Shaar Ha-Carmel. The dedication took place in the presence of Moshe Rivlin, JNF board of directors chairman; Pierre Gildesgame, world president of Maccabi; Louis Berold, president of the Caesaria golf club, and member of JNF National Golf of Great Britain whose sponsorship of this recreation area is the latest of their projects.

The area was dedicated in honor of Sidney Obrart, president of the JNF golfers of Britain, and his wife, Ruth.

Soviets arrest teacher

NEW YORK [JTA] — Lev Furman, one of two licensed Hebrew teachers in Leningrad arrested during a Hebrew class, has served 10 days imprisonment on grounds of "disobedience," the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry has reported.

Furman, recipient of the Chazar Bible Prize from Israel, now earns his living as an official Hebrew teacher after having unsuccessfully struggled for legal recognition with the Soviet authorities.

The 30-year-old engineer was dismissed from his job after applying for a visa in 1974. His application has been refused on grounds of his knowledge of state secrets.

Furman's father, Mikhail Furman, a Communist Party member, was arrested two months ago and warned to convince his son to cease his Refusenik associations and activities.

When he refused, he was sentenced to 10 days in jail for allegedly "breaching public peace." Mikhail Furman consequently resigned his party membership.

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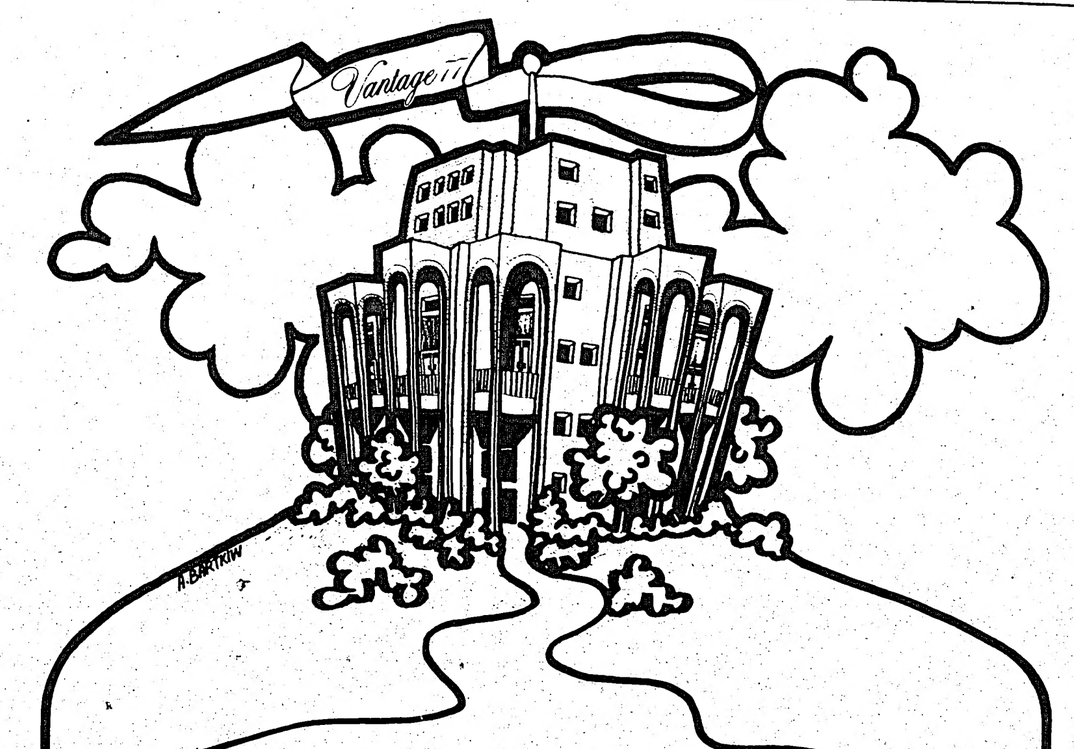

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Unlike Labor, Likud refuses to compromise, says Meir

TORONTO —

Former Israeli prime minister Golda Meir, in an interview in the current issue of Maclean's, says her Labor Party differs from the present Likud government in that it is willing to compromise in order to obtain peace.

In the post-election interview, the 79-year-old politician said that Israel is not interested in territories, per se, but in defensible borders. "People say to us," she said, "go back to '67 borders, there will be international guarantees on these borders. We can't depend on it."

On the topic of President Carter's call for a Palestinian homeland, Mrs. Meir remarked, in part: "All the friendship, we appreciate it but it's our life that is at stake and after all the decision must be ours."

She told Toronto writer Philip Fleishman that Israel has not garnered world support because of the Arabs' power in oil and population. But prospects for peace are possible, she added, "when the Arab leaders begin to worry about their own people, not about us because they pay a heavy price for every war."

Reflecting on Israel's past and future, Mrs. Meir expressed disappointment that more Jews were not attracted to the state. "...I expected more, I still expect more Jews to come. If we had about two million more, things would be much better in every way."

She did not express any chagrin about the United Nations and dismissed the international body as untroublesome. "You don't come to terms with them," she quipped, "you ignore them....we don't worry about the United Nations any more. It doesn't mean a thing. It doesn't carry any moral weight. Nothing is dealt with on its merits. So it doesn't worry anybody."

Harvey Webber

Elect ORT chairman Atlantic chamber head

CHARLOTTTOWN —

At a recent convention of the Atlantic Provinces Chamber of Commerce held here, Harvey Webber, of Sydney, N.S., was elected president.

The organization he now heads represents 70 chambers and boards of trade with approximately 10,000 members spread through New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland.

For the past two years, Webber has been a vice-president of the Canadian chamber.

A long-time Zionist Organization of Canada and Canadian Jewish Congress leader, he is Atlantic provinces chairman of ORT; a member, Canadian board of directors, Ben-Gurion University and is associated with Boys Town, Jerusalem.

His interests are many and varied. He was first choice as citizen of the year when the Kinsmen club initiated that award. He was a founder and past chairman, Glace Bay Miners Museum, also past county chairman, Cape Breton County United Appeal.

Last month ended a long-term presidency of the Atlantic Symphony Orchestra, Cape Breton branch. He is widely known as a business and political writer and recently paseed a major milestone, his 1,000th commentary on radio and television as a freelance broadcaster.

Although a graduate of Dalhousie law school, Webber chose retailing as a career. He is president of Smart Shop Ltd., a junior department store of fashion established in 1904.

He is also president, Mid Town Management, a land development company, and vice-chairman, Cape Breton Advisory Board, Central and Eastern Trust Co.

He is married to the former Ethel Nadler, and has two children — Marlene, (Mrs. Henry Crapo) of St. John's, Nfld., and Lawrence David, of Halifax.

Top speakers in legal panel

OTTAWA —

The civil liberties section of the Canadian Bar Association is sponsoring a panel here on the topic "Culture in a Pluralistic Society — The Death of a Nation?" Panelists will review the climate in Canada and the Soviet Union.

The seminar will feature Ontario Attorney General Roy McMurtry, Quebec MNAs Bryce Mackasey and Richard Guay, Toronto lawyer Joseph Pomerant and psychiatrist Felix Yaroshevsky, a Russian immigrant.

The panel takes place at the Chateau Laurier on Monday; Aug. 29 at 2 p.m. Nominated as chairman of the civil liberties section is Torontonian Sam Filer, chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region. Filer is now chairman of the Ontario Bar's civil liberties section.

Country club to honor 'Pud' Foster at dinner

TORONTO —

David Jay Foster will be honored by Israel Bonds at a tribute dinner to be held on Saturday, Aug. 27 at the Tri-Bell Club.

The club is the first country club in Toronto to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem via a major Bonds dinner.

The dinner-dance, at which Foster will receive the United Jerusalem Award, will commemorate the 10th anniversary of the reunification of Israel's capital.

"Pud", as he is better known among his many friends, emerged as a successful businessman in the brokerage field and is president of his own company, Durham Securities.

David Jay Foster

Community service in particular and humanitarian causes in general are his main interests.

Jewish Congress overseas parcels, Youth Aliyah and various Israel emergency funds are only a few of other related projects he undertook. Humanitarian causes such as Ontario Society for Crippled Children, Muscular Dystrophy, Multiple Sclerosis and March of Dimes attracted his efforts towards community service.

Foster's affiliation with the Tri-Bell Club has consumed much of his time. He is a charter member, organizer and past president of the club and has been a board member every year since the inception of Tri-Bell in 1936.

Martin Winter is serving as dinner chairman while Leonard Fine and Ernie Lustig are Israel Bond co-chairmen. President of the club is Harry Lerman.

Special guest speaker will be Philip Givens.

Solway is named to fill vacancy on advisory body

TORONTO —

Premier Davis this week announced the appointment of Bennett Solway of Toronto as a member of the Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism.

The appointment of Solway, which fills the vacancy left with the resignation of Richard Shiff of Toronto, is effective from July 27, 1977 to October 31, 1979.

Solway, 46, is a Toronto public relations executive.

He is past president of the Men's Service Group, Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, a member of Big Brothers of Metropolitan Toronto and was the 1974 Big Brother of the Year.

Solway is also a member of the Consultants section, Canadian Public Relations Society of Canada and was a member of the United Way Speakers Bureau.

The new appointee is a graduate of Columbia University of New York where he majored in public relations and economics.

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Benyamin Navon

Navon speaker at UIA

TORONTO —

Benyamin Navon, minister, information and press, at the Israel embassy in Washington, will be the guest speaker at the luncheon during the United Israel Appeal Ontario Region's annual leadership seminar and awards presentation at the Inn on the Park, Sept. 17-18.

Navon was Israel's first spokesman for the Foreign Ministry to the Federal Republic of Germany in 1970. He joined the ministry in 1962 and has held several appointments abroad including consular positions in Teheran, Philadelphia and New York.

In Jerusalem, he served as principal assistant in charge of political information, and as director of the press division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Born in Romania, Navon is a graduate of the Hebrew University and has represented Israel at the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

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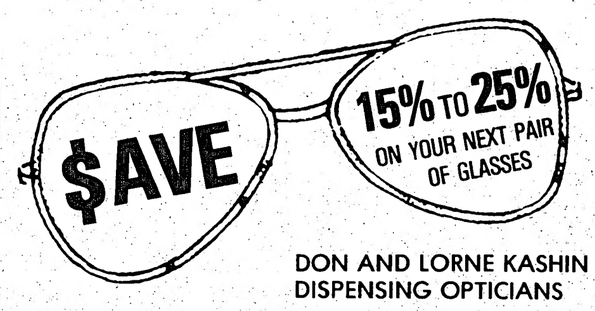

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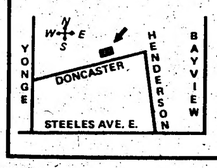

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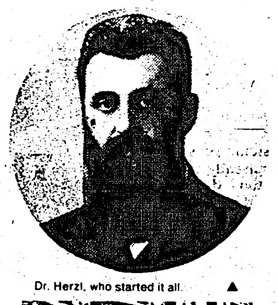

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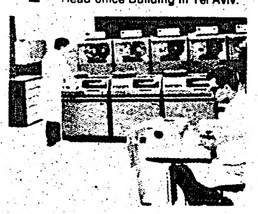

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Is the honeymoon over?

The icing was barely smoothed on the cake in Washington when a pall spirited away the Begin-Carter party mood. The almost manufactured warmth and euphoria surrounding the mini-summit conference quickly dissolved with the decision last week to legitimize settlements in the West Bank.

"We may have differences of opinion," said Mr. Carter, as American and Israeli flags fluttered in unison on the White House lawn, "but we shall never disagree. We shall only agree to differ." The president never suspected that this "agreement" would be put to the test so soon. The strains of Hatikvah played by a U.S. marine band at the welcoming ceremony were still fresh in the public's mind.

It has become clear that despite the pomp and circumstance in the American capital, Mr. Carter has found himself in the same unenviable position that plagued past presidents — a diplomatic stalemate with Israel. And despite rosy assurances of a Geneva conference in October, Israel and the U.S. have publicly squared off on the most contentious of issues — legal settlements in the occupied territories. The mask of amity has been quickly dropped.

The pundits were right about one thing; both Mr. Carter and Mr. Begin have similar obdurate temperaments and have laid their international reputations on the line. The president played his hand; normalization of relations, withdrawal to pre-1967 borders with minor adjustments and a Palestinian "homeland or entity". The prime minister appeared to raise the ante; returning vast tracts of the Sinai and Golan Heights, enticing West Bank Arabs with political autonomy under the watch of the Israel military and a link with Amman. But neither walked away with the pot.

U.S. State Department spokesmen were quick to react to the legalization of settlements in the West Bank as a contravention of international law and an obstacle to peace. Mr. Begin was swift to parry: "Jews have the inalienable right to live anywhere in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip." Where Rabin was afraid to tread, Mr. Begin sanctioned the controversial settlement of Kaddum, near Nablus — the most militant of the Arab towns, Ofra — a community of Gush Emunim members near Ramallah, the scene of anti-Israeli demonstrations, and the industrial site of Maale Adumim. The Knesset supported the prime minister's move by defeating a proposal to scratch the settlements. Now, Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon is giving consideration to a detailed plan drawn up by Likud calling for the relocation of 150,000 Israelis to five new West Bank towns.

Regardless of Mr. Begin's personal views on the destiny of the occupied territories, the reality has it that the Arab world has drawn itself a position which calls for withdrawal — sanctioned by the U.S., the European Economic Community and virtually all democratic countries. His latest peace plan was rejected in total by the major parties to a Geneva conference — Egypt, Syria, Lebanon and the group with a vested interest, the PLO.

Egypt and Libya's fraternal warfare is again an example that as soon as the question of peace is raised on the international stage, the Arab world begins to show the strain. The timing of this six-day war was not fortuitous. The Quadaffi-Sadat feud of long standing, since the failure of Libya's pan-Arab union of 1973, is the hallmark of division in the Arab world: along ideological lines, in their perceptions of Israel, and in their super-power backing. These are the realities Israel must face at the conference table.

Until the Arabs agree on their vision of a future co-existence with Israel and until the Quadaffi-Sadat power struggle is resolved, the prospects for a successful negotiation process appear dim. And with Mr. Carter's failure to patch up differences with Israel on the contentious withdrawal plank in his peace framework, the short-lived honeymoon appears to be over.

Brother against brother

It almost looked like the type of stone-throwing, name-calling feuds, characteristic of tensions last year between Arab and Jew in the West Bank. But, in fact, the nearly month-old hostilities still flaring in the predominantly religious community of Bnei Brak pitted Jew against his brother.

Religious youth and their "secularist" counterparts battled openly on the main street of this town near Tel Aviv over the controversial closing of the thoroughfare to traffic on the Sabbath. Tensions have been high since the driver of a Land Rover was killed recently when he ran into a chain strung across Hashomer Street on a Friday night a month ago. And additional flare-ups are feared following approval from the Ministry of Transport to close the town's road on Sabbath and festivals.

The root of the chasm developing in Bnei Brak is of wider significance than a mere short-term scuffle in a small community. It is perhaps symptomatic of a broader problem increasingly endemic in the Israeli society — a growing disharmony between religious and non-religious sectors. In Bnei Brak the discord has manifested itself into contemptuous cat-calling, blatant hatred, unruly demonstrations and open physical clashes with police. These are but the overt symptoms of a deep-seated misunderstanding and a near total absence of meaningful dialogue.

Historically, the Israeli social fabric has contained and attracted, paradoxically, both the spiritual adherent and the national liberationist. Its contemporary flavor is both biblically oriented and politically motivated. It is a country that spawned the Kaballah and nurtured the ideology of a "secularist" like Theodor Herzl.

To deny the value of either movement is to deny a country's rationale. Divisions along religious affiliations serve only to aggravate an already uneasy climate domestically. Mutual respect is the watchword. As McGill University Professor Irwin Cotler told a Jerusalem symposium recently: Israel as a Jewish state "has legitimate claim on its secularists to respect Jewish values, although they need not observe them; in the same manner that the religious community must permit — even if it does not respect — non-religious behavior."

The same lack of communication and respect in religious spheres has been expressed in the recent attempts by the Conservative and Reform movements to establish inroads in Israeli society. The same distorted prejudices have surfaced in clashes among Chassidic sects in New York. You need not agree nor accept the beliefs of your brother — but you must allow his right to hold on to and practice them.

Israeli society and Diaspora communities, as well, run a serious danger of splitting over the issue of religious inclination. The motivation of the Agudat Israel block in the Begin coalition has distorted the question further — because of biases on both sides of the fence. Both the secularists and religious adherents would do well to remember the biblical injunction; but with a twist; "I am my brother's keeper."

Arab meets Jew

Breaking down the high psychological barriers in the Middle East is perhaps the most important task facing men of good will who seek to settle the seemingly insoluble Arab-Israeli conflict.

The political problems of the area are indeed overwhelming and mind-boggling, but unless the deep-seated prejudices and misconceptions dividing Arabs and Jews are broken down through an evolutionary process of reconciliation, peace will always remain a mirage.

Examples of Arab/Israeli understanding are far and few between, but if Morocco's King Hassan II has his way that day may not be as far off as is commonly assumed. In an unprecedented display of friendship, the king invited an Israeli to visit his country. Dr. Andre Chouraqui thus became the first Israeli to openly visit an Arab land at the invitation of an Arab head of state.

He entered Morocco on a French passport, but court authorities were fully aware that he was an Israeli citizen, lived in Jerusalem, had been an advisor to David Ben-Gurion and had served for eight years as deputy mayor of Jerusalem. Said Dr. Chouraqui: "I was invited, received and presented during all my trip as an Israeli."

The genesis of the Algerian-born jurist's odyssey began a year earlier when Maurice Druon, a French writer, visited the monarch. In the course of their conversation, both men spoke of a book they admired, **Letter To An Arab Friend**, and King Hassan expressed an interest in meeting the author, Dr. Chouraqui.

A member of the French Academy, Mr. Druon transmitted the invitation to Dr. Chouraqui, and he arrived in Morocco last March. In an audience with the king, Hassan told the Israeli that he aspired to organize an alliance between the Arab world and world Jewry. According to Dr. Chouraqui, the king made it plain that he saw world Jewry — or "the friends of Israel" — as an integral part of a Semitic bloc consisting of Arab population and oil wealth and Jewish technological, military and financial abilities.

For good reasons, Dr. Chouraqui regards his invitation and conversation with King Hassan as politically significant. Who knows, it may just open the way for similar visits in the future. In fact, as he left Morocco, Shaul Ben-Simhon, a leader of North African Jewry in Israel, flew into the country on a private visit.

Arabs and Jews have lived together for thousands of years — sometimes in harmony, sometimes in discord — but the long Arab-Israeli struggle has all but destroyed whatever Arab-Jewish amity there once may have been.

If a genuine political settlement is the goal to which both sides aspire, it is obvious that the path toward reconciliation leads inevitably to people-to-people contact.

Progressive image of PQ is myth; party expression of petty bourgeoisie

By HARRY EDEL AND HENRY SREBRNIK

MONTREAL — There is a widespread myth that the Parti Quebecois is somehow progressive and even socialist, and that its election is only the first phase in a long-range strategy leading Quebec towards self-determination — that is, the establishment of an economy and society of the people, by the people, for the people.

The political right, needless to say, attacks it on this level; the left, by remaining silent, provides tacit credibility for the beliefs held by many, that the PQ can and wants to effect fundamental changes in the interests of the majority.

It is time to take a closer look at the so-called progressive image of the PQ.

Even putting aside Finance Minister Jacques Parizeau's "banker's budget" brought down April 12 — described by Parizeau himself as having dissipated in large measure" the "apprehensions which existed in various business circles" — the PQ's version of distributive justice in no way implies questioning the basic structural and institutional limitations of that very economy which creates the conditions of class inequality in the first place.

Like the notion of "affirmative action" in the U.S. (the promotion of ethnic minorities to leading positions in proportion to their percentage of total population), the PQ wishes to rectify a situation where French Canadians have been disproportionately underrepresented in the higher echelons of the economy. It becomes, then, basically just a question of French names occupying these top-level posts, and in no way involves the reduction of gross inequalities between the rich and the poor.

The branch-plant economy, with its inevitable consequences on this distribution of wealth, does not come under attack. Indeed, the evidence shows the PQ merely being more favorable to American capital than to Canadian capital; they prefer Rockefeller to McLaughlin. As McGill University historian Laurier Lapiere said in a speech in Montreal in March, with all the mudslinging going on between Ottawa and Quebec City, we forget that "our fundamental problem is the presence of the U.S."

The PQ would rather, as one pequiste quoted by journalist Robert Chodos in a recent issue of the Last Post noted, make its own deals with the U.S. than have to deal with them via Bay Street: "Better to be the slave of the master than to be the slave of the slave."

And Rodrigue Tremblay, minister of industry and commerce, agrees, Long a prominent advocate of closer relations with the American financiers, he as long ago as 1970 published a book advocating a Quebec-U.S. common market. There, he theorized that Quebec manufacturers would be better off behind American than behind Canadian tariff walls, and that Quebec's natural markets were in the American northeast.

American corporations in Quebec may find it easier than English-Canadian ones to adapt to Quebec's language legislation, noted U.S. Ambassador Thomas Enders, in speaking to a conference on Canadian-American relations held at McGill. They would be less affected "by psychological factors" switching to French, and would have ample resources to hire French-Canadians at management level positions. "If you're in a foreign country, you adapt," he told his listeners. "If you're doing business in Belgium, you speak two languages, and neither one of them is English."

Clearly, U.S. multinationals do not worry about legislation which in no fundamental way affects the bottom line — their ability to syphon profits out of Quebec.

An independent Quebec, under the PQ would become not the first stage towards "real" independence, but merely a smaller banana republic. True, a small group of French Canadians would become the top (local) bananas, but for the mass of the population, the results would likely be one of increased poverty. Who then, in fact, supports the PQ? One tried and proven way of judging is by looking at the party's financial backers. Since both big business and the labor unions are barred from contribuiting to the party's coffers, and since most ordinary workers have neither the means nor the desire to do so individually (on any meaningful scale), we must conclude that its basic financial support stems from the petty bourgeoisie and professional classes.

The party is the expression of that group, par excellence. The petty bourgeois elements that control the PQ feel they can bypass the big Canadian economic elite (English and French), by offering themselves and their services to the American multinationals.

Of course, the PQ knows it doesn't have the social base to come to power on its own — it must aggregate to itself, but for its own ends, the lower socio-economic strata in Quebec. Since it does not wish to mobilize them on strictly economic grounds — possibly provoking serious social revolt — its appeal must centre around ambiguously chauvinistic issues. The main theme becomes the (unsubstantiated) danger of Quebecois culture disappearing — with culture treated in an abstract, amorphous and meaningless way.

It thus manages, for some, to present itself as a form of "left" nationalism. However, the national and linguistic oppression of the French Canadian people is a direct consequence of their oppression in terms of class, and not as a nation. It is only on the basis of a successful class revolt that they can reassert themselves nationally and regain control of their economy. Paradoxically, in order to achieve this, alliances with disadvantaged non-French Canadians in a similar dilemma are necessary.

Finance Minister Jacques Parizeau

The outcome of present PQ policies would create a situation where ordinary French non-francophones would leave, while the real exploiters would stay and even tighten their stranglehold.

It should be crystal-clear tht the PQ's policies — aside from their consequences for minorities — will lead to a state where the Quebecois themselves will be the major victims. They will become the pliant labor force in a cultural and economic prison run by French Canadian overseers mainly to the benefit of large American businesses. Even more important, U.S. multinationals will enjoy unhindered access to Quebec's natural resources.

As long as debate on the question of separation continues along present lines, the people of this province stand a good chance of finding themselves in a position where they will be, if anything, more exploited than ever.

While everybody is watching the circus, the pickpockets are working the crowd.

Messrs. Edel and Srebrnik teach at Dawson College in Montreal.

Ben Milner's optimism vindicated by the election of Likud in Israel; 'now we've an open door,' he says

Story and Drawing by LOU SELIGSON

MONTREAL — Ben Milner is like a man reborn. Suddenly, after 29 years of unrelenting uphill effort he knows how it feels to reach the top of the mountain.

He vibrates in tune with his long-time friend and idol, Menachem Begin, in the Likud victory and the ascension to power. As national president of the Zionist Revisionists of Canada, Milner now discovers an acceptance he never felt before. Though he heads a numerically small movement in Canada, he senses the full nature of new-found power all around him.

"We are going to change Israel's image," he vows. "We will offer cooperation and friendship between political groups. Now we have an open door where before it was closed and work for Zionism is just beginning. Before we couldn't — we were not accepted."

Milner's life has been characteristic of his drive for acceptance against odds and filled with an unending optimism in his beliefs. Today he heads Avalon Hosiery Ltd., a multi-million dollar operation based in Montreal, with two plants and 300 employees. And at 59, greying and still full of fight, he can look back on a life of determined self-fulfilment.

Born in Poland in a small "shtetl" near Lodz, into a comfortable family of six, he quit school at 15, on his father's sudden death, to help support his brothers and sisters.

New-found power delights Zionist Revisionist head

"We were Zionists," he says, "and when I was 18 I went into a kibbutz waiting for my papers to go to Israel." The war broke out, Poland was over-run, and young Ben never saw those papers. In 1939 he was in the Polish army, wandering about the countryside in defeat, when he decided his future lay to the east and he crossed into Russia.

"I ended up in Tashkent," he says. "I spent the war years working with a plumbing group and there I met again my childhood sweetheart, Rose, and we were married in 1943."

At war's end Milner returned to Poland, back to the old shtetl to look after his family and friends. "I found nothing — nothing, nobody," he recalls. "No close family or friends. They were all gone — killed in the Holocaust." What depressed him most of all was the ghoulish removal of cemetery stones by the Nazis to pave the streets and sidewalks of his town.

"I could not stay in a country where the ground I walked on under my feet were gravestones," he says sadly. So Milner left for Frankfurt where he met friends who helped him start a hosiery business. In 1948, he finally got to Israel, not as a refugee, but as a hosiery manufacturer eager to start a business.

"It didn't work out," he says. "So in 1951 we decided to leave and come to Canada, with our two small sons. Why Montreal? Because it was closer to New York." Henry, now 31, the oldest son, is a professor of political history and Arthur, 26, plans a lawyer's career.

Milner's first community activity settled on Beth Hamedrash Hagadol Synagogue, an interest which has never flagged. He became president in 1959 and still holds that office.

Together with a handful of supporters in 1955, he organized the Zionist Revisionists of Canada and in 1970 became Montreal president and last year, its national head.

"We had a few hundred members across Canada. But we broke through in the '60s, became more and more accepted in the Jewish community," he says, though still chary about offering membership figures. "Listen, if you want to count $5 members, we have thousands."

Milner first met Begin on a visit to Israel in 1950 and they struck an immediate friendship and mutual admiration society. "I was so impressed with his dedication," he says. "He wasn't a terrorist — he was a freedom fighter. The only way to fight to free Israel was to stand up. I was always inclined that way, too."

Ever since Begin's first visit to Montreal in 1951 he has been Milner's house guest. "I wouldn't let him stay anywhere else," he says, with a sense of extreme self-satisfaction. "The last time was in February when he was in my house and we had a 100 people and I was so sure he would be elected that I introduced him as the future prime minister of Israel right then and there. I figured that if it could happen in India — with Indira falling — and in Quebec, why not in Israel after 29 years?"

The Milners live in a two-family house in the Town of Mount Royal filled with old and modern European and Israeli art. "I have the nicest gallery," he boasts, "the walls are all decorated and full of art. We have meetings of 60, 70 people and when they come to my house they have what to do — they don't just have to look at me or my wife to keep busy."

As one of the Herut movement's chief financial backers, Milner never flinches from "hitting" friends for money. "Some of my friends are even hiding from me," he says. Milner averages three trips a year to Israel and most recently attended Begin's inauguration and came back with more ardor than ever.

"Israel has changed," he maintains, "and it will never be the same again. Our work for Zionism is just beginning and we hope Canadians will support Israel and not simply political parties. We want to sit around as equals and would even abolish the head tables.

"Now we have a chance to prove to Canadian Jewry that we are not a terrorist movement, that we have always been a middle-of-the-road organization embracing all aspects of Jewish life — from the right to the left."

Most of all, Milner feels for the first time that he is coming, not to plead as a supplicant, but as a leader of a group, now ruling in Israel.

Rabbinic and scholastic achievements gave Benjamin Szold place in history

Landmark Events In Our History

By ROCHELLE CARR

It was July 31, 1902. The Szold women attempted to comfort each other over the loss of the patriarch of the family. At the age of 72, Rabbi Benjamin Szold's life had come to an end.

Although more lines were accorded to his famous eldest daughter, Henrietta, and her association with Hadassah and its Youth Aliyah program, modern Jewish history felt it incumbent to record the triumphs and tragedies of her father, as well.

Born in Hungary on Nov. 15, 1829 to Baruch and Chaile Szold, young Benjamin soon felt the harsh blows life can mete out.

At an early age he lost his mother to cholera and, shortly after, his father died forcing his stepmother to dole out the children to various relatives. Despite the absence of love from an immediate family, he managed to receive an education — including a stint in Vienna — before fleeing because of his activities during the 1848 revolution.

The lonely student finally felt the warmth of a family when Mirjam Schaar, a widow, brought him into her home as a tutor for some of her 10 children. While he tutored he continued his own studies and began to be recognized as a young man of considerable scholarship and speaking ability. In due time he was not only offered the pulpit of Baltimore's Oheb Shalom (Lover of Peace) synagogue, but he also won the hand of Mirjam's youngest daughter, Sofie.

In 1859, the recently-married couple arrived in the United States and a new chapter began for Benjamin Szold. The bespectacled young rabbi plunged into his work with heart and soul. In 1867 he published his prayer book, **Avodat Yisrael**, used in many congregations throughout the U.S.

While he continues with his rabbinic and scholastic pursuits and his espousal of Zionism as early as 1893, he experienced the sorrow of the loss of four young daughters, including the recently-engaged, 25-year-old daughter Sadie, who succumbed to pneumonia. But so, too, did he have the joy of watching his other four daughters grow up in their home at 702 West Lombard St., Baltimore — Henrietta, Rachel who married the son of the well-known Rabbi Marcus Jastrow of Philadelphia's Rodeph Shalom synagogue, Bertha married lawyer Louis Levin and Adele, who married editor Thomas Seltzer.

DEATH SQUADS MAKE ARGENTINE LIFE HAZARDOUS

By HARVEY WARREN
[First of two parts]

Luis él Innocente turned his Fiat onto one of Buenos Aires' palm-lined boulevards. He glanced at his pre-adolescent son in the passenger seat next to him and then at his watch. There was still plenty of time to get him to school before the first bell, despite the crush of traffic. The weather report on the radio promised a pleasant, sunny day. It was to be the last day of Luis' life.

Within two miles of the quarter where most of Buenos Aires' affluent Jews live, Luis was pulled over by a car carrying three men. Two stepped out and ordered Luis to get out of the Fiat. The threw him against a wall and pumped several rounds into his body from their semi-automatic weapons while his son watched. Passers-by crossed to the other side of street. "Shut-up about this," the men told the boy, "or you'll meet the same end."

With dozens of similar slayings reported each month no one expects Luis' killers to be caught and brought to trial. In fact, there are those who suspect the government itself ordered the murder and hired off-duty policemen or military personnel to carry out the execution.

The police "death squads" created by Juan Peron's right-hand man, José Lopez Rega, continue to operate, many believe, eliminating opponents of the military junta. Luis, an active unionist, was an opponent. But he was also a Jew, and, therefore, a target of the near-Fascist Montoneros, a terrorist group which once claimed responsibility for the kidnapping and murder of President Pedro Aramburu.

Luis' brother-in-law, Ramon Cualquier, had been wrestling with the idea of leaving Argentina for several years but with close family ties, a high profile job as teacher and engineer, three children (two of them unilingual in Spanish), and an extraordinarily comfortable lifestyle to consider, the decision was deferred until something more tangible than vague uneasiness confronted him.

With Luis' execution, lifestyle concerns lost their significance. Sleepless nights were spent wondering when the "death squads" would smash down the front door and mutilate him while his wife and children looked on in horror or take him away in his pyjamas to be deposited later in some mass grave. Ramon quietly liquidated his assets as his curriculum vitae was being scrutinized by his future Montreal employer.

It was never very good for the Jews there, Rafael Copquin of the B'nai B'rith Latin American Lodge told The Canadian Jewish News. But they prospered nonetheless and were firmly established by the 1880s. He credited the Jews with starting the textile industry and many banking institutions. There were between 700,000 and one million Jews in Argentina as little as five years ago, Copquin estimated. World Jewish Congress officials put the figure at 500,000 today. More radical sources say there are less than 300,000 Jews left in Argentina. Many have emigrated because of persecution, Copquin said.

The Jews were persecuted subtly, he claims. There were no pogroms. The discrimination took the form of libel and slander, pitch bombs thrown at synagogues, violation of Jewish cemeteries and legislation which barred non-Catholics from the country's top political posts.

But the repression under onetime social welfare minister, Jose Lopez Rega, who sapped power from Maria Estela Martinez de Peron's incompetent regime, was anything but subtle. The "death squads" he created were responsible for the murder of 1,000 suspected leftists, Harvey Levenstein, assistant professor of history at McMaster University, wrote.

Many of the lawyers, teachers and doctors that they have murdered were Jewish, he said, adding that the justification for these killings, "the government-subsidized propaganda that Rega's machine emits, is of the old international-Jewish-Bolshevik conspiracy variety." Rafael Copquin corroborates: Calling someone a dirty Russian means dirty Jew, and "the worst thing you can tell a man is that he is acting like a Jew."

The Argentinian anti-Semite still equates Jews with communism and hence the creation of the Triple A (Argentine Anti-Communist Alliance) whose raison d'etre was the elimination of the "Marxist and judaizer (Jew lover)."

Levenstein charged that the armed forces regime in the 1960s passed the West's first anti-Semitic legislation, an economic bill to force out small Jewish businessmen, and encourage a purge of Jewish faculty in universities and schools.

Rega ousted the minister in charge of economic planning, a Jewish businessman, whom he had labelled leftist, Toronto Star correspondent Mark Gayn wrote. He arranged a mass in memory of Hitler which was called off after protest from the Jewish community and the archbishop's intervention. Gayn said Rega's publications became anti-Semitic with Teutonic condors and symbols that looked like swastikas on their mastheads. Nazi-made war films glorifying the achievements of Hitler's Wehrmacht were shown on television.

Despite his claim of only subtle persecution, when Rafael Copquin told The CJN he was visiting Argentina this month, he found it necessary to add "I hope I'll be able to come back."

Stalinist purge of Yiddish cultural elite is historic lesson that can't be forgotten

By J. B. SALSBERG

August 12, 1952, will surely remain a sanguinary date in the long and frequently tragic history of struggle of Russian Jewry for its cultural and national survival.

It was on that accursed day, 25 years ago, that Stalin's axe fell on 24 of the most talented and most prominent of Yiddish poets, novelists, dramatists and other leading Jewish personalities of international repute.

The masters of Jewish cultural creativity were martyred in the torture chambers of a Moscow prison on that day. Their mortal remains were secretly removed so that no marked graves remain as eternal reminders of the foul deed.

The monumental crime of August 12, 1952 was conceived by the then leaders of the Kremlin as a prelude to the national and cultural genocide drama that Stalin had scripted for the Soviet Jewish community of more than three million. The evil nature of the Stalin plot became shockingly apparent when, after the tyrant's death, it was discovered that Stalin's "final solution" also called for the deportation of masses of Soviet Jews from their firmly rooted centres in European Russia to concentration camps in the far-Eastern regions of the USSR.

If looked at arithmetically, the tragedy of Aug. 12 may appear to be of minor proportion. After all, we lost millions of our people in the latest of our holocausts, the one that bears the sinister name of Hitler. In that ordeal hundreds of Jewish communities in Eastern Europe were devoured by the Nazi beasts and their allies and countless cultural centres, together with their treasures, were burned to the ground. But the cold-blooded murder of the Soviet Yiddish writers and intellectuals cannot and, indeed, must not be evaluated in terms of numbers.

Their arrest, one at a time and, almost always, in the middle of the night in 1948-49, was calculated to terrorize and paralyze the vital echelons of Jewish religious, cultural and social life throughout the Soviet Union. The staggered arrest method was paralleled by the systematic dismantling and liquidation of the very modest Jewish cultural infrastructure, which had been so painstakingly re-established after Hitler attack on the Soviet Union when Stalin felt the need of a Soviet "Jewish voice" in the West.

One by one the lights of Jewish collective cultural existence began to go out between the arrests in 1948-49 and the execution of the writers' group on Aug. 12. The new cover of darkness that was spread over Jewish life in the USSR was also to serve as the second and, Stalin thought, the final stage of his plot to forcibly assimilate the millions of Soviet Jews. In its evil conception it was to have been the largest cultural genocide attack on the Jewish people since the Spanish Inquisition and the burnings of Jews at the stake in the Iberian peninsula.

Stalin's death didn't come a minute too soon. But for Soviet Jews, Stalin's death-warrant was alarmingly late. But come it did and the inner political developments in the Kremlin nullified the cruel decree that was to be put into effect.

But the political "thaw" that followed Stalin's demise did not last too long for Soviet Jewry. Russia's expansionist plans in the Middle East caused Russia to oppose the relatively new state of Israel (a state it actively helped to create), and to throw its massive political and military support to the Arab states — regardless of their reactionary, feudalistic character — that were willing to accept the Kremlin's blandishments.

After the Six Day War, Moscow launched the notorious "anti-Zionist" crusade, which has become the mask for all enemies of the state of Israel and for all anti-Semites around the world. Now Jews in the USSR are obliged to struggle for their universally recognized right to leave Russia and to go to Israel or to their nearest of kin in other countries.

Are there some among us who have grown tired of the unending battle we, and world Jewry, are putting up for the rights of Soviet Jews to leave and for their rights to live as Jews if they do not leave? I dare say that a small number may have become tired. But can we allow ourselves to relax our efforts? In my opinion we cannot, we must not slacken our individual or collective concern and activity for the third largest Jewish community in the world — that of the Jews in the Soviet Union.

By the same token we cannot allow the fading of the August 12, 1952 tragedy from the memory and consciousness of world Jewry. I share the view of those who believe that the tragic Megillah (scroll) of the Aug. 12 martyrs should be told and retold year after year wherever Jews live so that the memory of the victims be not forgotten; that the Russian Jews who continue the struggle for national survival be encouraged and helped and that the historic lessons contained in the Soviet-Jewish experience be learnt and remembered.

Order of Canada appointees show widespread involvement

By A.J. ARNOLD

WINNIPEG —

Sol Kanee and G. Sidney Halter, two of the Jews among 62 men and women named to the Order of Canada last Friday, exemplify the unusual variety of communal activity in which Canadian Jews are involved.

Kanee's activities have ranged from the chairmanship of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet to the national presidency of the Canadian Jewish Congress while Halter is nationally known for his role as a booster of amateur and professional sports and particularly as the first commissioner of the Canadian Football League.

Kanee, who received an honorary degree from the University of Manitoba a few years ago, was named a companion of the Order of Canada, along with Halter and David A. Golden of Ottawa, president of Telsat Canada, who was born and educated in Manitoba, and Sam Steinberg of Montreal, chairman of the board of Steinberg's Limited and one of two non-westerners among the Jewish appointments. Muriel Kovitz, chancellor of the University of Calgary, was named a member of the order, as well as Toronto's Murray Koffler, chairman of the board of Koffler Stores.

These appointments are strong evidence of the impact of western Canadian Jews on the national scene in Canada. Kanee has been a director of the Bank of Canada and, after retiring as president of the Canadian Jewish Congress in 1974, was soon elected treasurer of the World Jewish Congress.

Halter was president of the Canadian Amateur Athletic union from 1939 to 1946 and later served as football commissioner, from 1958 to 1966. He is descended from a pioneer family who arrived in Manitoba in 1882 and his late mother, the former Rhoda Lechtzier, was the first Jewish child born in the prairie west.

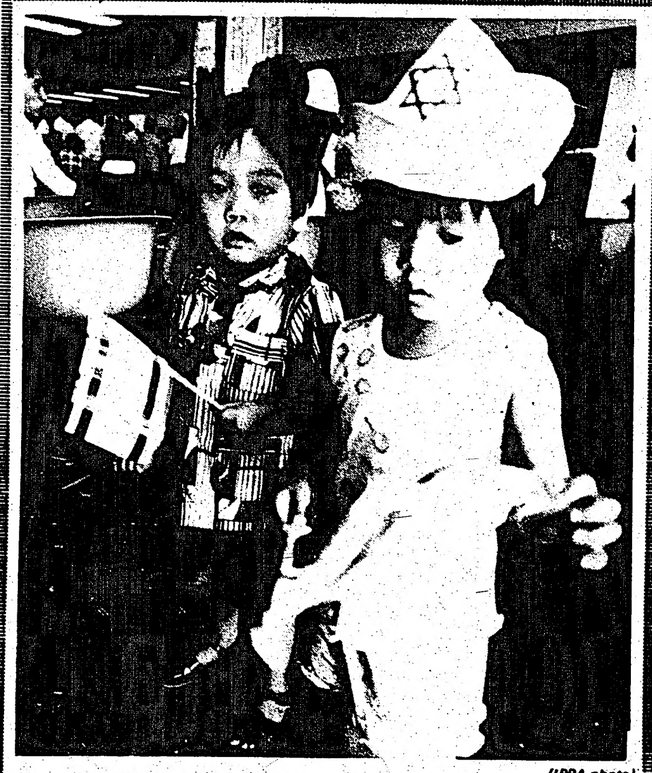
David Golden became a Rhodes Scholar when he graduated from the Universtiy of Manitoba in 1941. He was deputy minister of defence production with the federal government before being named to head Telsat. Kanee, Halter and Golden each served with the Canadian armed forces during World War II.

Sol Kanee, Order of Canada companion

Muriel Kovitz was named a few weeks ago as the western member of the Canadian unity task force appointed by Prime Minister Trudeau.

One more appointment to the Order of Canada of special interest is that of Eleanor Boyce. Dr. Boyce was one of the first women to reach the top of her profession as an educator in Manitoba, serving in turn as a school principal, as a provincial school inspector and as a professor in the faculty of education at the University of Manitoba.

On her formal retirment in 1967, Dr. Boyce became a consultant to the Ramah Hebrew School and served as superintendant of the school's secular education program until 1971.



(IPPA photo)

The reception of Vietnamese refugees by Israel won international kudos. Children wave flags on arrival at Ben-Gurion Airport. Refugees were saved by Israeli freighter after number of boats refused to rescue Vietnamese from a small craft.

Letters to the Editor

Dr. Melvyn Schwartzben says...

Solidarity broken by Pinsky, Crestohl

Dear Editor:

In the interest of accuracy and justice I would like to respond to the statements made by Mr. Joel Pinsky and Mr. Harvey Crestohl relating to the Canadian Jewish Congress submission on Bill One to the Parliamentary Commission of the National Assembly of Quebec.

In order to understand the agreement entered into between the Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith of Canada which came into effect on Oct. 6, 1974, May I quote from Article 1:

"There shall continue to be maintained in Canada a committee known as The National Joint Community Relations Committee (The 'Committee'), of the Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith, for the supervision, creation and implementation of those areas of public interest which are designed to eliminate defamation of Jews in Canada; to advance within these areas a proper understanding in Canada of the Jewish community's interests and purposes; and to preserve the democratic principles of freedom and equality for Jews in Canada."

Primarily, the Joint Community Relations Committee is concerned with anti-Semitism, defamation and related matters. Its function has not been perceived by the Canadian Jewish Congress to make representations to the government of Quebec on Bill One, which essentially deals with the use of the French language in this province.

May I say that I would like to be rather more charitable to Messrs. Pinsky and Crestohl than they were to me. Both of them did excellent work in participating in a committee that was formed of specialists from affiliated organizations and others to formulate our brief on Bill One. Having said that, may I now deal with the allegations made by Messrs. Pinsky and Crestohl.

Nothwithstanding our differences, I was anxious to preserve "shalom bayit". I proposed to Messrs. Pinsky and Crestohl that, following a short introduction to the parliamentary commission, they should make the presentation of the brief, which is in fact the substantive part of such proceedings. This they declined to accept. We are saddened that although there may be differences of opinion between Congress and B'nai B'rith, these two gentlemen did not see fit to maintain communal solidarity and participate as our chief spokesmen at the hearings of the parliamentary commission.

There is no doubt that the brief, which was persuasively argued in French, which proclaimed Jewish rights in Quebec and the inviolability of human rights for all our fellow citizens, made a deep impression on the government and the opposition parties. May I quote to you the statement of the Hon. Dr. Victor C. Goldbloom, MNA, writing in the Montreal Suburban on July 13:

". . . The presentation of the brief on language legislation in Quebec by the Canadian Jewish Congress was exceptionally well received. Its brief was good and its spokesmen articulate; Felix Maloul and Frank Schlesinger were especially resourceful and expressive in answering questions. The emphasis was on individual liberties and on the special religious and cultural character of the Jewish community. I cannot recall a more successful presentation by Congress; its constituency should be pleased and proud."

May I say that I was proud of the representatives of the Canadian Jewish Congress, who were eloquent and who comported themselves with dignity.

Article 7 of the agreement states inter alia:

Article 7 of the agreement states inter alia: "All representations and/or petitions made to governmental authorities on matters within the jurisdiction of the Committee shall be composed and/or signed by such persons as the parties may in advance determine."

Our brief, in fact, was signed by Mr. Joel Pinsky as chairman of the Joint Community Relations Committee, B'nai B'rith District 22, and myself.

We believe that Congress has acted in conformity with the agreement entered into with B'nai B'rith. We believe that the community, having heard the facts, will not be sympathetic to those who broke communal solidarity in the light of the importance of Bill One to Quebec Jewry.

The reprehensible actions of Messrs. Pinsky and Crestohl in refusing to participate at the hearing on July 6 risked undermining the solidarity of the Jewish community at a time when we were grappling with grave problems arising out of Bill One. Having stated the facts, I believe the community will have to judge the behavior of Messrs. Pinsky and Crestohl compared to that of the Canadian Jewish Congress, which discharged its duties on behalf of Quebec Jewry ably and responsibly.

Dr. Melvyn Schwartzben,
chairman,
Canadian Jewish Congress,
Eastern Region.

SCHOOL AID

Dear Editor:

On June 6, 1977, Metropolitan Toronto's Jewish community was robbed of approximately $30 million. That's right, in case you didn't catch it; you, your family, your Jewish neighbors and acquaintances — from the $8,000 per year laborer to the multimillionaire, business tycoon — all of us were collectively 'conned' out of literally tens of millions of dollars.

The amazing thing is that to date, I have not heard one single outcry of protest, not from individuals of the Jewish faith, not from synagogue boards, not from our esteemed leaders of the Board of Jewish Education, not from a single major Jewish business concern, not from our 'respected' Jewish politicians, not even from the human and minority rights committees of the local B'nai B'rith chapters. Truly unbelievable.

Yes, on June 6 when the Toronto municipalities sent out their realty tax bills, it was not the Protestant community nor was it the Catholic groups that were wrong done; for these two dominant groups are beneficiaries of the education taxes collected from and paid for by all of us.

The Jewish tenant, (whose taxes will be reflected in 1978 rents) all property owners, self-employed professionals and businessmen (whose business tax bill will incorporate funding for Protestant and Catholic schools) are the recipients of the chutzpah of a government which has 'criminally' raised the tax levy (education portion) to the tune of 22.9%. Remember the AIB. In one fell swoop, our community chest has been drained of tens of millions of dollars to subsidize the Protestant and Catholic causes.

Is it that our Jewish day schools and yeshivot are rolling in so much money that we have taken it upon ourselves to totally disregard this injustice? Is it that we Jews are so wealthy that $30 million (truly an ultra-conservative estimate) is a mere proverbial 'drop in the bucket'? Is it that the Jewish psyche has inherited through the generations a severe masochistic persecution complex?

Is it that our Canadian Jewish Congress representatives are afraid to rock the boat by organizing massive protest rallies at all public schools, boards of education and municipal buildings to stop this obviously scandalous rip-off? Is it that our politicians and community leaders have chosen an easy way out by pussy-footing with this problem for the last 15 years at the mercy of the day school parent being milked of his/her last penny? ($1,700 per year per child.)

Indeed it is truly shameful that it was not until this year that the Toronto Jewish Congress officially recognized the existence of this problem. The obvious has been officially recognized. Is it not becoming quite apparent that to date all the efforts of our community leaders to achieve a solution to funding which have been directed through normal political channels, have in the final analysis met with worse than pitiful results?

The challenge to our Congress is to tell the government loud and clear to stop this cancerous condition from spreading from bad to worse and to implement democratic fair play at once. Failing any official action at this level, it would be folly to believe any 'grassroots" organizations would tolerate this huge communal dollar drain much longer.

If our official representatives continue to refuse to be in the forefront of achieving a quick and lasting solution to this grave question, the course will be open to the masses who will no doubt be forced to fill the void left by a misdirected leadership. Enough is enough. If Alberta, Quebec and Manitoba schools can gain subsidies from their respective governments, is it so difficult for us to at least arrange that our money be funnelled back to our own institutions?

Neville L. Woolf,
Willowdale.

SOVIET LIES

Dear Editor:

Two anniversaries within a span of 10 days in early August call to mind painful historical associations between the Stalinist murders of leading Jewish intellectuals on Aug. 12, 1952 and the signing of the Helsinki Final Act on Aug. 2, two years ago.

Twenty-five years ago — on Aug. 12, 1952 — 24 leading Yiddish writers, actors and intellectuals were executed by the Soviet government. This was the ultimate expression of Stalin's quest to eradicate Jewish culture, Judaism and Jewish consciousness in the USSR. To this day, the Soviet Union has failed to lift the death sentence the regime has imposed on Jewish culture.

It is plain that Brezhnev's signature to the Helsinki accord was a mere nodding of the head to human rights by beautiful words and few deeds. Compliance on reunification of families is a mockery with literally hundreds of mothers and fathers separated from their children and husbands and wives living lonely lives, separated by miles with no answer to their repeated requests to the Kremlin for joining their loved ones in Israel.

Freedom of religion or the right of minority groups to practice their culture and traditions, hallmarks of the Helsinki accord, remain empty promises in the Soviet Union. Last December, when a handful of Soviet Jewish activists attempted to gather in a cramped Moscow apartment for a discussion of the pitiful conditions of Soviet Jewish culture, they were quickly and harshily dispersed.

Today in the USSR not one Jewish school is in session — this in a country which 60 years ago produced the highest level of Jewish scholarship in hundreds of academies and seminaries.

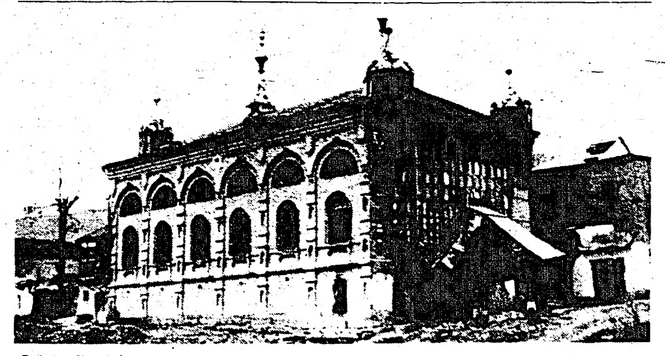
The evaluation of the Helsinki accord currently going forth both in Belgrade and in Ottawa has not yet given us a score card of matching words and deeds. But one thing is certain: the promises that were made two years ago in Helsinki have not been fulfiled. The spirits of Peretz Markish, Itsik Feffer, David Bergelson and others who were coldly and methodically murdered in the cellars of Liubianka Prison in Moscow 25 years ago call out for justice. Their memories continue to haunt us.

Samuel Resnick,
national director
Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry,
Toronto

Organizations and People

what's new...

BY MIRIAM HERMAN



Originally built in the late 19th century, the synagogue in Kuba, a city in the Soviet republic of Azerbaidjan, has been converted into a textile factory by Soviet authorities. The building still stands, much as it did decades ago, when hundreds of worshippers filled its main sanctuary. The Star of David has remained on the building, indicating its origins. The photograph was obtained by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, based in New York.

RECALL SOVIET WRITERS

The 25th commemoration of the execution of leading Soviet Jewish writers in Moscow's Liubianka Prison in 1952 takes place this Thursday, Aug. 11, at 8 p.m. at Beth Tzedec Synagogue. Jointly sponsored by the Committee for Yiddish of Toronto Jewish Congress and the Central Region Soviet Jewry Committee, the program features addresses by Montreal journalist Mordechai Husid (in Yiddish), and Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry chairman Max Shecter (in English), and readings by Toronto poet Peretz Miransky and Bat Sheva Paul. Also present will be Sam Filer and Milton Harris, chairmen of Central Region and Toronto Jewish Congress, respectively. CJN columnist Joseph B. Salsberg will preside.

YOUTH SEMINAR

About 200 Canadian and U.S. teenagers are expected to participate in the week-long Torah Leadership Seminar being held Aug. 24-29 at Camp Moshava, Ennismore, Ont. This is one of a series of summer and winter retreats "designed to give youth a better understanding of themselves and their religion by providing a total experience of Jewish living." It is sponsored by the Youth Bureau of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary together with the eastern and central Canada regions of the National Conference of Synagogue Youth. Co-ordinator of the seminar is Rabbi Yaakov Wasser, NCSY Central Canada regional director.

SOUND-RECORDED MAGAZINE

The Jewish Braille Institute is publishing the first issue of its sound-recorded magazine, The Jewish Braille Review. It will be produced on flexible discs (sound sheets) and will focus on items of Jewish content and commentary of them, plus selections by blind or partially-sighted people who wish to share their thoughts on areas of common interest. This sound-recorded publication is available to any blind or visually-impaired person by contacting the Institute at 110 East 30th St., New York, N.Y. 10016. Subscriptions are free of charge.

FOR SINGLES

The Labor Zionist Alliance Young Professionals (21-33) plan a full weekend of activities Aug. 6-7, beginning with a '50s party on Saturday, followed by a disco dance on Sunday. For non-music lovers, there's chess, backgammon and discussion groups. Everything begins at 8 both evenings, at 19 Hillmount Ave.

If you are single in the 25-40 year age bracket and would like to be part of a group interested in concerts, theatres and restaurant-hopping, call Elaine at 447-9555.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The John Howard Society of Metropolitan Toronto is looking for volunteers. This United Way agency offers assistance to men 16 years of age and over who are involved with the criminal justice system in one way or another (charged, paroled or released from prison). Both men and women volunteers are needed to do parole, probation counselling and other community work in corrections. A comprehensive and interesting orientation course is provided. For information, contact either Bob Meredith or Jim Walsh at 925-4386.

INFORMATION PROGRAM

A team of information specialists has been organized by Na'amat-Pioneer Women in Israel to work with women in communities throughout the country. Forty women between the ages of 23 and 40 were selected to take the brief, intensive training course in public speaking and group dynamics. Then this team of "Explainers" will convey information and organize meetings on subjects of importance to women from all walks of life. The speakers' bureau is expected to go into operation on a nationwide basis in September.

BB BASEBALL LEAGUE

Every Wednesday evening is baseball time for B'nai B'rith sports buffs. That's when the Toronto BB Regional Council league plays ball, with teams from each lodge competing with each other. The teams are divided into two divisions. Games are played at various parks around town — Wilmington, Clanton, Rockford, Wenderley and Duncan. Game time is 6:30 for the early game and 8:45 for the nightcap.

Cheese dish fun for guests, easy on hosts

Fondue gives intimacy to party

By MARCIA KRETZMER

JERUSALEM —

Looking for ways to make your next small dinner party really intimate? The answer could be cheese fondue.

While there are many variations on this famous French-Swiss dish, it is basically a communal dish of bubbling cheese and wine sauce, seasoned with pepper, into which guests dip cubes of crusty, white bread.

The advantages of a "fondue evening" are that it is fun for guests and easy on hosts. Fondue is filling and sustaining and cuts out the need for additional courses or side dishes.

All you need are a good, light, white table wine to serve with it — the new Carmel Riesling or Chenin are excellent choices — a fresh, green salad with a simple French dressing, and a bowl of summer fruits — apricots, plums, nectarines, peaches and grapes, to refresh the palate afterwards.

Finish off, if you like, with a small cup of strong, black coffee and a selection of tiny pastries.

To serve fondue, you will require a minimum amount of basic equipment: a round, glazed earthenware dish with a handle, a small burner topped by a trivet on which to place the dish in the centre of your table, and long, spiked forks for each guest, with which to spear the bread and coat it with the bubbling cheese sauce.

Since your guests will be eating from a communal dish, it is well (unless you are all very good friends, and no one has a nasty cold) to provide them with plates, and additional knives and forks with which to eat their cheese-soaked cubes of bread.

Fondue is best as the centrepiece of a small dinner party — the diners should not have to rise from their chairs nor stretch uncomfortably to reach the middle of the table.

But fondues can also be used to provide interest on a buffet table.

Here, access is not a problem, and guests can help themselves to a few morsels of cheese-coated bread in passing, instead of making a whole meal of it.

There can be no compromise on ingredients for this dish. Cheese, wine and bread must be of top quality to ensure success. A mixture of kosher Gruyere and Emmenthal cheeses, or Gruyere alone, is recommended for this dish — ask at your cheese counter.

The wine used in the dish ought to be very dry, white table wine, a fruity or demi-sac wine will ruin the taste.

And the bread must be white, crusty, and freshly-baked. If you cannot obtain a French-style rolled loaf, try cutting fresh, crusty rolls into one-inch cubes.

Cheese Fondue

1 1/4 lbs. kosher cheese, either half Gruyere and half Emmenthal, or Gruyere alone, grated
1 fat clove garlic
1 1/2 cups dry white wine
1 liqueur glass kirsch or cherry brandy
1 tsp. cornstarch
large pinch nutmeg
pinch baking soda
freshly grated black pepper

1. rub inside of flameproof earthenware dish or enamelled casserole with cut sides of the clove of garlic, then combine grated cheese and wine and melt over a medium heat, stirring constantly

2. when the mixture begins to bubble, add cornstarch, stirring rapidly, then nutmeg and kirsch, and cook for a further 2–3 mins. Then stir in the baking soda and grate in lots of black pepper before carrying to the table. Keep hot at table over a candle burner, and provide baskets of bread cubes for guests to spear and dip into the hot cheese sauce

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Shabbat Shalom!

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Actor Jacob Ben-Ami dies in N.Y. at age 86

NEW YORK (JTA) —

Funeral services were held here last week for Jacob Ben-Ami, one of the best known actors of the Yiddish stage. He died at the age of 86.

Ben-Ami, who performed with equal skill in both English and Yiddish, had a long distinguished career appearing in plays by Yiddish, American, British and Russian playwrights on tours in Europe, South Africa, South America and the United States.

Born in Minsk, Ben-Ami fell in love with the theatre early. But he found the Yiddish theatre too superficial and wanted to change it by learning from the Russian theatre.

He appeared in small repertory companies in Minsk, but rejected a chance to join the renowned Moscow Art Theatre because it would have meant converting from Judaism.

Ben-Ami immigrated to the U.S. in 1921 and worked with some amateur groups before joining Schwartz in 1918.

David Millgram

Region engages worker

TORONTO —

Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region, has announced the engagement of a fulltime regional community and youth services worker who will work in the regional centres of Ontario. He is David Millgram, a graduate of Wurzweiler School of Social Work at Yeshiva University.

Millgram, who was raised in Hamilton, holds a bachelor's degree from McMaster University. He has been employed by the Jewish Community Centre of Hamilton as director of its summer day camp, by the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization in New York and Montreal, and for the last six years he has been in the social work department of the Toronto Board of Education.

Appointment of Millgram comes as a result of a commitment made to the regional communities that the Central Region of Congress would engage someone whose task would be to serve the regional communities primarily, and who would devote himself to the total needs of the region — the youth component as well as the adults. A committee of Regional Chairman Sam Filer and representatives from regional centres served on a search committee before engaging Millgram. He will begin work in September.

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Several Canadians were in New York recently in connection with **Menachem Begin**'s visit to the U.S. — Congress VIPs **Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut**, president, and **Alan Rose**, executive vice-president, participated in a meeting at which the Israeli prime minister briefed Jewish North American leadership on his talks with President Carter. Also present were **Norman May, Harold Buchwald, Aaron Pollack** and **Myer Bick** for the Canada Israel Committee; **Philip Givens** and **Leon Kronitz** for the Canadian Zionist Federation, and **Herb Levy** for B'nai B'rith....Attending the Israel Bond dinner in the PM's honor at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, along with Toronto Bond chairman **Kurt Rothschild**, were **Mr. and Mrs. Jack Buchman, Jack Daniels, Alex Eisen, Nathan Hurwich, Jack Gringorten, Morris Kaufman, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Saffer** and **Skippy Segal.**

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And while on the subject of Israeli prime ministers — **Philip Fleishman** was lucky enough to interview **Golda Meir** the very day after the recent elections in Israel. The Toronto-based TV and radio writer-producer met with the nation's former head of state in two sessions, the first in her office in Tel Aviv, and the next day in her secretary's Jerusalem apartment. The interview, which appears in the upcoming Aug. 8 issue of Maclean's Magazine, is actually part of a 10-hour series on Judaism he's planning for the CBC radio program **Ideas**.

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Winnipeg's biggest Negev dinner ever honored **Samuel Galpern** recently when an all-time record of 900 persons gathered to pay tribute to the 65-year-old local businessman. Long-time personal friend **Edward Rosenblatt** presented the citation which spoke of his "exemplary devotion to the welfare of the community and the upbuilding of Israel". **Irwin Dorfman** was chairman of the event, the community's 25th annual Jewish National Fund dinner.

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A note from **Ken Gass**, artistic director of Factory Theatre Lab, tells us that **Vivienne Muhling**, author of this paper's **Leisure Pleasures** column, has been named the company's public relations director.

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Kudos to **Gerry Salsberg** for his role in the **Legend of the Dumbells** now on stage at the Charlottetown Festival Theatre. The Toronto actor, known to local audiences for his starring role in **Godspell**, as well as various revues about town, has been receiving rave notices for his present stint in the Charlottetown production based on the First World War troop show, Canada's longest musical hit.

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With the rabbis — For the first time in five years, Winnipeg's Temple Sholom has a full-time resident rabbi. He is **Eric A. Silver**, who has served the congregation on a part-time basis from 1972-74 while still a student at Hebrew Union College....**Stephen H. Garten** of United Hebrew Temple in St. Louis, Mo., is coming to Toronto to take up the post as director of Jewish studies at the Leo Baeck Day School.

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sparks from the torah

By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat Aikev

V'shomarto et mitzvot Hashem Elokecha....And thou shalt keep the commandments of the L-rd thy G-d....

Blimps and show-offs are filled with hot air. G-d loves those who hold themselves small.

A poor rabbi visited a wealthy "Rabbiner" for a donation. "I'm sorry," the secretary said, "the rabbi only grants interviews on Thursdays between two and three in the afternoon."

What could he do? The rabbi waited until Thursday afternoon when he was ushered into the Great Man's presence. The Rabbiner gave him a donation, but insisted on hearing a **d'var Torah** from his guest.

The rabbi stroked his beard. "In the grace after meals, we thank G-d for supporting us continually every day and every time and every hour....Since it says already 'continually' why do we have to repeat 'every day, time and hour'? But we thank G-d that not only does He help us, but that He doesn't have special office hours, and we don't have to make an appointment to see Him. Every moment He's available...." (Fun Unzer Alter Oitzer)

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What good is it to be a **frummer Yid** if you don't love every other Jew like yourself?

Consider...Moses warned the Jews, "**lo tavee to'aivah el baitecha**....You should not bring an abomination into your house...." The Jews were insulted. "Moses, what do you mean? We're good Jews! Do you think any Jew is going to bring in an idol or a Penthouse magazine into his home, **chas v'shalom?**"

Moses shook his head. "You don't understand. This is the abomination I mean — 'Every haughty heart is an abomination of the L-rd....' I don't want you to become so self-righteous that you bring conceit and snobbishness into your home and heart. Love every Jew like your own child...."

We need a new Baal Shem Tov today like the Jews did 300 years ago. A religious leader who serves G-d with all his heart, who doesn't sell out his Judaism, but preaches true **ahavas Yisrael**. Someone who teaches that real Torah is not to put walls between Jews, but bridges....

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After all, every Jew has the potential to be a Lubavitcher Rebbe or a Menachem Begin. A famous Yiddish writer, much absorbed in a problem, walked down the street talking to himself. A friend met him and said, "Do you realize you're talking to yourself?"

"Listen here," the writer answered, "if I want to speak to an intelligent person, must you come along and interrupt me?"

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Every Jew is a diamond on G-d's finger. Even when he goes a little bad, he still sparkles.

Imagine...when Moses defended the Jew before the Almighty, he pleaded: "Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, don't look at the stubbornness of this people...." It's strange, though — how did Abraham, Isaac and Jacob get mixed into this deal? Is it their fault that they have such stiff-necked **aineklech**?

But Moses argued: "Why do you complain when the Jews are stubborn! Where did it come from? Look at their **zaides**! When the whole world was kissing little stone idols, they stood alone to proclaim that You're Number One. They were stubborn in your behalf, is it surprising that their grandchildren are like that also?" (Rabbi Isaac Eliyahu Landau)

With all our faults, are there any people like the Jews? We were stubborn, we are stubborn, we will always be stubborn.

But we will always be, forever and beyond. Shabbat Shalom.

THE JEWISH CALENDAR

Elul (Month of Repentance) — Monday, August 15th to Monday, September 12th
Rosh Hashanah — Tuesday, September 13th to Wednesday, September 14th
Yom Kippur — Thursday, September 22nd
Succot — Tuesday, September 27th
Note — All Holidays begin at sunset of previous day. Sabbath and holidays end 45 minutes after sunset

'Yitz' Davidson started career in Spadina deli

Grocery executive began as bus-boy

TORONTO —

If you can stop Brian Y. Davidson for a few minutes, as he handles several phone calls at one time in his executive office overlooking the city, you will find out that this senior vice-president of Loblaw Companies is the same Yitz Davidson who started as one of the first plant employees at Shopsy's and a bus-boy in the delicatessen on Spadina Avenue.

He was 14 then and active in Habonim in the 1940s. Many of his friendships date back to his early Zionist involvements.

Now 43, Davidson reflects the Horatio Alger success story. For five years, since his appointment as an executive of the international Loblaw's companies, Davidson has been one of the driving forces in the reorganizing and new marketing programs visible throughout Canada.

He points with pride to the plans for the newest store being rebuilt at Wilson and Bathurst Streets. "This store," he explained, "is a perfect example of our restructuring and rebuilding program aimed at serving the ethnic communities. We are making every attempt to provide the Jewish consumer with the widest variety of Jewish and international foods and we have made provisions for a large kosher food area."

Adjacent to the store, Davidson pointed out the location of a supervised kosher meat and poultry store and fish market, which will be operated independently.

"Our philosophy," said Davidson, "is to provide space for the butcher shop, but not to go into the kosher meat business ourselves. Let an existing butcher make a living."

Before joining Loblaw Companies, Davidson had a distinguished career in the Canadian food and service industry. He was involved with establishing the Ponderosa and Harvey Wallbanger chains and he recently was instrumental, along with Ziggy Wauro, in expanding the Ziggy European Delis across Canada.

He has worked in every facet of the food industry, and is past president of the Canadian Frozen Food Industries Association and of the Ontario Frozen Food Council.

Although Davidson epitomizes the company man, he sparkles when he speaks of his wife Thelma, who is actively involved with the Baycrest Centre, and their three, teenaged children.

He laments only one thing in his life, "my constant struggle to lose weight. I am always surrounded by delicious food and it's more temptation than I can resist."

Brian (Yitz) Davidson, 48, has worked in many sectors of the food industry. Now vice-president of Loblaws, he displays drawing of a rebuilt Toronto store.

Seniors' summer place wins Wintario grant

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO —

A Wintario grant of $382,500 has been awarded to Good Fellowship Lodge, the senior citizens' vacation spot on Maple Lake in the Parry Sound area, operated by the Jewish Camp Council.

Application for the grant was made in the fall of '76. The Parry Sound location, formerly a B'nai B'rith campsite, was converted to a summer place for seniors three years ago.

Another Good Fellowship Lodge, also under the auspices of the Jewish Camp Council, had been functioning near Barrie since 1948. It is now closed and the property up for sale.

Plans are to combine the two lodges, offering increased accommodation at Parry Sound. Three new buildings to cost almost $800,000 have been designed for the purpose by architect Jack Brenzel.

The Wintario grant, given on a 50% matching basis specifically for these structures, constitutes half that total; it is hoped that proceeds from sale of the Barrie property will provide the remainder, plus helping to defray the cost of remodelling existing dining room and kitchen facilities.

One unit is to be a two-storey motel type building containing 30 double rooms with bath-rooms ensuite, suitable for men or women. The other two will be dormitories to accommodate 24 people, either men or women in two rooms each holding 12. There will be two separate sets of washrooms.

Total capacity is to be 108, and the buildings are to be winterized for year-round use. Cabins now on the grounds will continue to afford warm weather lodging for an additional 142.

Frances Olin, president of the Jewish Camp Council, notes that the present six-week season comprising three, two-week periods, can be considerably lengthened to accommodate more seniors once the heated premises are built. The site, she declares, will also be available to the general community.

"Jewish Camp Council hopes to establish additional programs throughout the year not only for our seniors but also for families, for children during school breaks, and single parents. Synagogue youth groups will be invited to hold retreats.

"The citizens of Parry Sound are also welcome to use the facilities. We will of course have certain rules. Kashruth, for example, must be strictly maintained in our kitchens."

Last summer, 572 older Jewish men and women enjoyed a vacation at Good Fellowship lodges. They came from their own apartments, from their children's homes, from Baycrest. It made no difference; if they wanted or needed a holiday, and were sufficiently mobile, there was a place for them. Now, with the demand increasing, the enlarged and improved facilities will accommodate greater numbers.

Mrs. Olin adds that 80% of seniors at Good Fellowship are subsidized, and the Jewish Camp Council relies on the community for financial assistance.

Michael Berger, former director at Barrie is to head the Parry Sound operation.

Greeks form chamber of commerce to promote trade with Arab states

ATHENS [JCNS] —

According to the Greek Ministry of Commerce, Greece, owing to her position, can become a great inter-transportation centre for the trade of the Arab countries with Europe, and a "centre of provincial development" for the Arab states.

With that aim, a Mediterranean chamber was established to help develop commercial and cultural relations with various Middle East countries. Membership is open to Greek and foreign representatives of private and public trading and other institutions.

A temporary council appointed by I. Varvitziotis, the Greek commerce minister, is made up of: President I. Georgakis; L. Efraimoglou (a member of the board of the Athens Chamber of Commerce and Industry), V. Bakalos, N. Kalogeras, E. Niadus (president of the Pireus Chamber of Commerce and Industry), A. Chandris, G. Papazoglou, D. Pouris and R. Chatzisavas.

Observers point to psychological or "sentimental" facts that the Greek mentality is, to a certain extent, very "close" to the Arab mentality.

The temperament of the Arabs is well-known to the Greeks, who possess a better knowledge of and feel more at ease with their way of behaving, than with people from Europe or America.

This is due to many factors, but the main one is that, Greeks have "lived" with Arabs, in the Mediterranean area, for many centuries.

Besides, Greece's present policy of wholehearted support of all Arab positions at international organizations has been greatly appreciated by the Arab people and their governments, to such an extent, that Greece has been classified as a "friendly country".

This is shown in the report of the president of the Pireus Chamber of Commerce and Industry concerning the chamber's delegation to the Arab gulf states in 1976.

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MONTREAL

AROUND THE TOWN
By JANICE ARNOLD

QUEBEC CITY REP

Michael Yarosky, executive director of Jewish Family Services, will become the Jewish community's representative in Quebec City in September. His job will be to keep the provincial government advised of the Jewish community's views and needs, and in turn, will keep the community abreast of developments in the government.

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JFS POST VACANT

Another top position with Jewish Family Services has been left vacant with the departure of Ruth Markel, director of programing. She has left for Toronto.

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FIRST FUNCTION

The first function of the 1977 Combined Jewish Appeal will take place at General Chairman **Martin Levine**'s home, Aug. 8, at 8 p.m.

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VANITIES

The final production of the Saidye Bronfman centre mainstage subscription series is **Vanities,** a comedy by **Jack Heifner.** This Broadway hit will be under the direction of **Bert Henry.** Opening night is Aug. 13 and it continues through to Sept. 11, with performances every night except Friday.

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MONUMENT SURVEY

Volunteers are urgently needed in Canada to help the International Survey of Jewish Monuments in its photographic recording of Jewish cemeteries in Europe and North Africa. The materials collected must be identified and catalogued before they are housed in an archive at the University of Illinois. Interested persons can write to the International Survey of Jewish Monuments, 295 Grandview Circle, Ridgewood, N.J. 07450.

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FOLK MUSIC EVENING

Zorba Himmelfarb and the Maccabeans will provide an evening of Jewish folk music, Aug. 7, at the Centre Hillel, 5174 Cote Des Neiges at 8 p.m. Admission is $2 which includes refreshments.

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NEW STATION

Joe King's Here and Now has moved to CFMB from CFOX with the change in ownership and format at the latter station. King joins **Nachum Wilchesky's Jewish Program** at 1 p.m. every Sunday.

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A HELPING HAND

Hedda Hoffer, chairman of the steering committee of the friendly visiting program of the Golden Age Association, will lead a discussion entitled "A helping hand — an ear that hears," at the Shaar Hashomayim Leisure Institute this Sunday at 1:30 p.m. The discussion will centre on the needs of the elderly.

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SINGLES CRUISE

Montreal singles, aged 25-40, are invited to join Toronto singles from the University Graduate Club for a boat cruise, party and brunch Aug. 13-14. Reservations should be made immediately with **George Rothman** at 481-6049.

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PR APPOINTMENT

Ellen Cohen, public relations director at the Jewish General Hospital, is leaving with her husband for Houston, Texas. Her replacement is **Betty Rozovsky,** formerly PR lady at the 'Y'.

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INFORMATION SOUGHT

A University of Vermont professor is seeking information on the history of the diary of **Adam Czerniakow**, chairman of the Jewish Council in Warsaw from 1939-42. The diary was brought to Canada from Poland by a woman who now lives in Ottawa. She transferred the diary to Israel in 1964. Write: **Raul Hilberg,** the University of Vermont, College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Political Science, The Old Mill, Burlington, Vt. 05401.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Jewish Single Graduate Association is organizing a bingo and musical entertainment evening for senior citizens at the Attendacare Centre on Cavendish, Aug. 11, at 7:30.

Norman Spector (left) meets Ephraim Katzir, Israel's president, during recent mission of Combined Jewish Appeal–Israel Emergency Fund to Israel. Spector, who led mission with his wife, Selma, is new Montreal chairman of Israel Bonds.

Spector chosen to head Israel Bonds campaign

Norman Spector has been appointed Montreal chairman of Israel Bonds succeeding Rubin Zimmerman.

Spector has served the Montreal community for many years working for Combined Jewish Appeal for over 20 years, including campaign chairman in 1975.

He was on the executive of the Golden Age Association and Jewish Immigrant Aid Society. He is a governor of the YMHA as well as the Hebrew Free Loan Association, United Talmud Torahs, the Jewish Hospital of Hope, the Miriam Home, the Kidney Foundation of Canada, the Rabbinical College of Canada, and a life-governor of the Jewish General Hospital.

He is past president of Beth Zion Synagogue, was their Man of the Year for Bonds in 1968, and is a force in their traditional Bond activity.

Spector is the executive vice-president and part owner of S. Albert & Co. Ltd. He is married to Selma Williams and father of Ivan, Charles and Lisa.

Members of the National Holocaust Committee presents Pages of Testimony at Israeli embassy in Ottawa. From left are Avraham Weiss of Montreal, director of national committee; Gilbert Greenberg, chairman of Ottawa Jewish Community Council; Charles Wittenberg, chairman, Pages of Testimony, Toronto; Harry Wolle (with son), chairman, Toronto Holocaust Committee; Ambassador Mordechai Shalev, of Israel; Aba Beer, chairman of national committee; Mendal Good, chairman of the Ottawa Holocaust Memorial Committee and Gittel Tatz, assistant director of Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir. Pages list all the Holocaust victims.

Collect Holocaust data

[Staff] —

Relatives and friends of those who perished in the Holocaust are invited to have the names of their loved ones inscribed in a special memorial hall in Yad Vashem.

The National Holocaust Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, in co-operation with Yad Vashem, is distributing pages of testimony at Congress and Jewish community offices across the country.

On July 18 over 3,000 such pages were presented to Israeli Ambassador Mordechai Shalev in Ottawa by a delegation from the Holocaust Committee led by chairman Aba Beer. Shalev will relay them to Yad Vashem, where almost three million pages of testimony, that have been collected around the world since the end of the war, are kept.

This is the first time a project of this kind has been undertaken in Canada. Copies of the pages will be kept at the Holocaust office in Montreal. The committee began compiling the pages at the Yom Hashoa celebrations in April.

The pages have blanks for such information as place of birth, residence before war, circumstances of death and names of spouse and children.

Unfortunately, hundreds of thousands died without a trace, said Beer. But for those whose names are housed in Yad Vashem it will be a substitute "kever yisroel."

Surgery without anesthetics

Hypnotist applies talents to medicine

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

For almost 30 years Reubin Pecarve's act has been putting people to sleep.

Pecarve is one of Canada's foremost hypnotists and clinical hypnotherapists. He made headlines worldwide just over a year ago when he hypnotized a woman undergoing a combination gall bladder operation and appendectomy — making an anesthetic unnecessary.

It was the first time in the world that major surgery of this kind had been performed while the patient was under hypnosis, and is scheduled to be recorded in the Guinness Book of Records next year.

A product of St. Urbain Street, 47-year-old Pecarve left school at the age of 13 without finishing the seventh grade after his father suffered a severe stroke.

His first job was in a doctor's office answering the telephone. "This doctor was studying ways of controlling such habits as smoking and fingernail biting through hypnosis, and every chance I could get during the five years I worked there, I read up on the subject."

Hungering for more medical knowledge ("You see, I always wanted to be a doctor"), he wangled a key to the McGill library from a doctor friend and there "I devoured more books.

"A cousin of mine was studying dentistry at McGill also, and one day I coaxed him into letting me into his anatomy class where they dissect cadavers. Well, I got a white smock and a scalpel set and for a year and a half I continued to go to that class without anyone ever knowing I wasn't a student."

Pecarve gave his first public performance at the old Davis YMHA on Mont-Royal when he was 18, hypnotizing all 30 kids in the audience.

For many years he kept up a grueling schedule of juggling two careers — by day, he was a top-flight salesman, attributing his success to the "power of suggestion," and, in the evening, a nightclub performer. As The Great Pecarve, his hypnotism and memory act was sought after throughout Quebec.

Always in the back of his mind was the hope that he could apply his art to the field of medicine. Although much of the medical profession was and still is skeptical about the merits of hypnotherapy, Pecarve enlisted the support of several doctors who referred patients to him. Setting up an office in the basement of his home, he worked with people who were trying to overcome obesity, smoking, drinking, drug abuse, fingernail biting or lack of self-confidence.

Reuben Pecarve — Canadian hypnotherapist

He brought his show into the high schools and colleges, at one point doing one and two performances every day of the week. "The memorizing and concentrating I do in a two-hour show has the equivalent taxing effort on my brain of an eight to 12-hour workday."

Five years ago, Pecarve began working out of the Pierrefonds Medical Centre, treating people with social, psychosomatic and mild psychiatric problems, and always maintaining a strict policy of accepting patients by medical referral only. The stack of half empty cigarette packs and bottles of liquor in the cupboard of his office testify to his success.

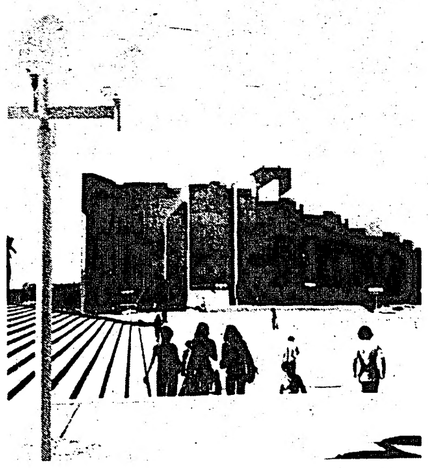
Each week he assists in minor operations, dental surgery and childbirths in which the patients are allergic to certain anesthetics or have a phobia of doctors, as was the case with the 46-year-old woman who underwent the gall bladder operation and appendectomy. She not only felt no pain during the operation, but recovered at a much faster rate than normal, much to the amazement of her doctor.

Pecarve also practises what he preaches. Under auto-hypnosis, he has undergone dental surgery, seven plastic surgery operations after an automobile accident, and the removal of 11 body growths painlessly and with minimal blood loss.

The key to his success, besides the power of suggestion? "I've worked damned hard. I'm a fighter and a pursuer. But I still have much more to achieve."

A symbol of Israel's future

IN MY VIEW
By CHARLES LAZARUS



This is the library and Maxwell Cummings Plaza of Ben-Gurion University of Negev in Beersheba.

BEERSHEBA —

The last time I was at this northern gateway to the Negev, in the early 1950s, Levi Eshkol was campaigning here, and David Ben-Gurion was in splendid isolation at Sde Boker trying to recoup his political fortune.

I chatted briefly with then prime minister Eshkol and, as is the case of all politicians whose speeches fit deftly with the location at which they're speaking, he proclaimed Beersheba as the gateway to Israel's great future.

Ironically, while Eshkol and Ben-Gurion were then at odds, my current visit here brings both these pioneer leaders of modern Israel, into the same focus:

Eshkol was obviously right when he spoke of Beersheba's great role in the Israel that is to be, because what has grown miraculously from the wasteland of less than 10 years ago, is the magnificent university named after none other than David Ben-Gurion.

Standing on the Maxwell Cummings Plaza at the Ben-Gurion University — the entire Cummings mishpocha was here this past spring for the formal dedication — you look skyward at the blazing desert sun, and around you at the symbols of man's genius, and there is no escaping the conclusion that the moment of truth has arrived for the state of Israel.

And what is the truth — military valor and victory? Spiritual, moral and ethical integrity? Its strength in resisting pressures to sacrifice security on the altar of naivete?

This is only one part of the truth.

The other part is symbolized here at Ben-Gurion University in Israel's ability to show the world how, what man has writen off as waste and desolation can be transformed into great forces for improving the quality of life.

Ben-Gurion University was established, believe it or not, in 1969, and to see the campus today is to understand how and why Israelis have developed complaining into a high art.

The explanation is simply that they compete with themselves so ferociously, that any project, be it a highway or hotel badly needed to accommodate tourists, and not completed one-two-three, immediately triggers a barrage of beefs against the government, the bureaucracy and the handiest target standing nearby.

The BG University is a case-in-point: In 1969 there was virtually nothing. Eight years later, the cluster of structures soars from the flatlands, imaginatively designed obviously to give the appearance of massive outcroppings so characteristic of the Negev desert.

The presence of the university and its very special terms of reference, also underscores the projection that Israel, which unlike other countries such as Canada, the United States or the European collectivity, has no ingrown ready-to-use natural resources, has become a do-it-yourself producer of raw materials.

Here an imported plant is being developed to grow in the desert without water; and embracing all this technology are the faculties of medicine, social sciences and the humanities — truly an expression of the Judaic ethos of humanism.

It is interesting to note on a personal level, that I have known the Cummings family and its patriarch, Maxwell Cummings, for many years.

Mr. Cummings and his sons, Robert and Jack, have built an awesome real estate empire across Canada, but they were never the kind, like the average range of balehbatim, whose names and pictures had to be visible almost weekly in community publications.

Maxwell Cummings, for his own special reasons — a trait picked up by his sons — does things with quiet dignity; the spectacular speech and dramatic gesture are not for him.

But try as he might and play it down, there is a new visibility of the Cummings family here in Israel, and this visibility came to a flourish particularly this past spring and summer.

In May, Jack Cummings pushed the $500,000 campaign in Canada for the Canadian Stadium at the Israel Tennis Centre at Ramat Hasharon.

A few weeks later, Maxwell Cummings and his family proudly stood at the Ben-Gurion University's new Cummings Plaza, looking around at the spectacular buildings into Israel's future.

Indeed for all present it was the moment of truth.

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Haitian Jews active in hunt for their roots

By JENIVA BERGER

[Second of two parts]

PORT-AU-PRINCE —

For financial and personal reasons, it is unlikely that the Haitian Jews will ever want a synagogue or a permanent rabbi, and they have resisted the proselytizing of the Reconstructionists who visited them last year and were summarily dismissed.

Sam Cohen, because of his upbringing, his knowledge of Hebrew, religious services, and customs, is the spokesman for the community and its ex-officio rabbi. "We're all working here on Friday and Saturday and we can't leave our places of business alone," he said emphatically.

He shook his head when queried about the possibility of ever building a synagogue. "I'd rather build a club to provide our Jewish people with Jewish activities." The others agreed with him.

Irene Cohen, Sam's petite, dark-haired, and mellow-voiced wife, credits her Egyptian-born father with preserving their Jewish identity in the home through her young years. "We always tried to organize something as a Jewish community," Sam Cohen says, "but it never worked except for High Holy Day prayers.

"Then when the Israeli embassy opened in Haiti, for the first time we really saw an answer from the Jewish community itself. It was Rosh Hashanah in 1973, and we asked all the Jews to sign in the embassy book. Over 100 people came."

As further encouragement, the embassy began inviting the Jewish community to parties celebrating Israel Independence Day, Purim, and Chanukah. For one of the Purim parties, the grown-ups had their own costume party in the afternoon quite separate from the kids.

Voodoo, the unofficial religion of the country, does not share the close quarters with Hebrew tradition that it does with Catholicism, yet there have been some interesting friendships. Kurt Fischer, a Jewish art collector who lives in the mountainous area near Kenscoff, has a voodoo cup given to him by Haitians which turned out to be a Hebrew inscripted Kiddush cup, while American novelist Herbert Gold once attended the funeral of a Jewish tailor in Jacmel, which was, in fact, a voodoo ceremony overseered by his black children.

And Moshe Kones, who lived in Haiti for four years as chief of the agricultural mission, was initiated into the voodoo rites during his stay there, an honor given few white people.

The first Bar Mitzvah in Port-au-Prince, happened only last year with Ricky Saltzman whose family are long-time merchants there. Ricky, an avid tennis player who also happens to be Haiti's champion of that sport in his age group, had the ceremony with a rabbi flown in from Miami especially for the occasion. The community looks upon a Bar Mitzvah as a far more serious matter than a Bat Mitzvah though there is no swing especially towards either the Reform or Conservative movements.

In a country which doesn't seemed to be fazed by women's liberation, Sam and Irene Cohen's daughter fought for her Bat Mitzvah shortly after Ricky's Bar Mitzvah. "It was just a party, though," Sam says. "We sang songs and added some prayers." The fact that she was only 11 apparently bothered no one. For special ceremonies and High Holidays, the community uses their own Torah which is kept at the Israeli embassy.

In a heavily encrusted three years of Jewish activity, the Haitian Jews had their first communal seder presided over by the embassy, two years ago. It involved the whole Jewish population of Port-au-Prince. A hall was rented, and everyone brought their own Haggadahs no matter what their persuasion. The matzot were flown in from New York. This year, however, because of the severe electrical shortage which has cut Haiti's power to just five hours a day from the parched reservoir of the Peligre Dam, individual families prepared to conduct their own seders.

As I left the Bigio home in the mountains, there was a sad absence of light from the capital far below, a striking contrast to the majestic house which, through its own generator, sent out a diffusion of light which cut into the inky sky. Like everything else in Haiti, out of necessity it seemed to find its own element in a difficult and provocative atmosphere.

As for the Jews of Haiti, they're seeking their own element as well, the third time around, with a determination and vigor that ignores the political canvas in favor of an ancient calling.

Canadian agents find Israel top tourist spot

TORONTO [Staff] —

Canadian travel agents are confident Israel today can be sold as a holiday destination for all, not just a place for pilgrims and Jews.

Arie Reif, deputy director of the Israel Government Tourist Office in Canada, made that comment following a trip in which he guided a group of 50 top-level Canadian travel industry personnel to his country for a week.

The Israeli, completing his first year of service in Canada, believes agents have to be educated by taking them on visits to the Holy Land. The IGTO is engaged in a campaign for travel companies to see Israel as a holiday attraction.

Fifteen of the 30 on the trip were managers of P. Lawson Travel, one of the largest firms in the country. This was the first familiarization trip on which most of the persons were managers. Most had knowledge of Israel as a place for pilgrimage, but not as a country to serve as regular holiday destination", said Reif.

On returning from Israel, Peter Watson, manager of the Toronto Dominion Centre branch, sent the following message to other branches of P. Lawson:

"I am personally very pleased with the whole tourism structure in Israel. There are literally thousands of places to visit with all types of scenery and good hotels to suit all pockets; of course, the air fare from Canada is fairly high, but value for money is good....

"I found Israel to be one of the most interesting and varied places I have visited. One cannot help but admire the incredible amount of work that the Israelis have put into making their country a home after centuries of wandering.

"It is wise to read up on the destination before visiting, in order to comprehend the reasons that today make Israelis say 'Masada will not fall again' ".

Arie Reif

Reif received other glowing letters from agents on the trip with such comments: "I've already booked 10 people", "most spectacular trip of my life", and "I want to go back on my own."

The agents on the trip, co-sponsored by the Tourism Ministry, El Al and Canadian Pacific Hotels, did not only get VIP treatment, but joined regular tour buses and ate 'regular' meals. They were reassured about the safety of the country and found good value for their dollars.

Reif has been travelling extensively in Ontario and Quebec giving seminars to agents. In December, the trilingual Israeli will lead a group of Quebec travel agents to Israel.

His office is gearing to promote tourism during Israel's 30th year. Figures for the first six months of this year show 16,500 Canadians went to Israel, up 9% from the same time last year.

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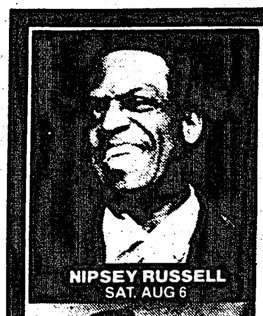
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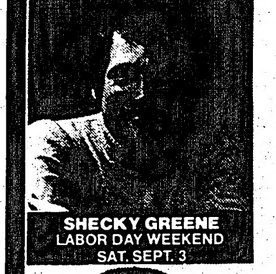
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The executive of the World Zionist Organization annonced that the 29th World Zionist Congress will open here on Feb. 20, 1978.

It will last nine days and will mark the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Zionist movement by Theodore Herzl and the start of celebrations of the 30th anniversary of Israel's independence.

Only a partial agenda was announced. It will include a four-year program drafted by a team headed by Prof. Ranaan Weitz to deal with the structure of the WZO in Israel and abroad. Other items will be Zionism today and the progress made over the last eight decades.

The World Zionist Congress was originally scheduled to be held in January of this year. It was postponed because of the Israeli elections and is expected to reflect the major political change that the May 17 elections brought about.

No one here doubts that Likud, represented in the WZO by Herut-Hatzohar and the General Zionists (Liberals), will gain much power at the Congress.

A key event will be the election of a new chairman of the WZO and Jewish Agency executives. Incumbent Yosef Almogi of the Labor Party has announced that he will not stand for re-election. Jewish Agency Treasurer Leon Dulzin is the Likud candidate for the dual office.

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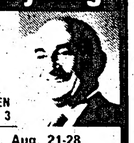
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Must Sell!
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HOUSES FOR SALE

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Bathurst-Glencairn
9 room side split, king size master has ensuite, 2 other baths, main floor laundry, family and Florida rooms with walkout. Finished basement, wet bar, attached double garage, central air, other expensive extras. Walking distance to synagogue and all amenities. To view, call Ruth Rybak, 789-7138.

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Bathurst-Lawrence
Spacious 6 room bungalow, pool-sized lot, attached garage, master has ensuite, 2 other baths, finished basement with second kitchen, broadloomed, drapes, appliances. Move-in condition. Helen Solnick, 789-7138.

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Glencairn-Marlee — $74,900
Solid brick 6 room bungalow, 2 baths, finished basement, attached garage, pool-sized lot. Mrs. Rybak, 789-7138.

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Bayview-Steeles — $78,900
8 room backsplit, Hollywood kitchen, 2 baths, attached garage, walking distance to synagogues and all amenities. Ruth Rybak, 789-7138.

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Bathurst-Wilson Condo
Luxury 3 bedroom, large ultra modern kitchen, two 4-piece baths, ensuite laundry room, central air, broadloom, pool, sauna. Must sell! Call Howard Sud, 789-7138.

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Leslie-Steeles
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$112,500. Lovely 4 bedroom, 2 storey home on quiet street in prestige neighborhood. Main floor family room with fireplace, 3 pc. ensuite, finished bsmt., 2 car garage. Walkout to private garden. Owner has bought and is anxious to sell. Call Linda Penney, 226-3040.

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Wilson Heights-Sheppard
Detached 3 bedroom backsplit plus den with walkout, completely finished basement with second kitchen. King size master, Hollywood kitchen, central air conditioning. Vendor will hold first mortgage if necessary. Asking $88,900. Call Victor Goldman, 24 hour-pager, 663-9720.

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$89,900. An absolutely charming oversized 3 bedroom detached home in this prime and quiet residential area. Open fireplace in spacious living room, private driveway. Walk to new subway. Mr. Cooper, 789-3473.

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Spadina Road-Lonsdale
$76,900
This renovated 3 bedroom charmer will delight young moderns. Plus features include: ultra-modern kitchen and bath, track lighting, garage and loads more. Excellent starter home. Move in condition. Mr. Cooper, 789-3473.

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Bathurst-Sheppard
2 Bedroom Bungalow
$69,900. This spacious detached brick bungalow features spacious living and dining rooms, ultra-modern eat-in kitchen, and 2 good-sized bedrooms, 160' deep park-like lot. Short walk to subway-bus. Mr. Taylor, 789-3473.

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Bathurst-Eglinton
$86,900. Best value in Cedarvale. Spacious 3 bedroom family home features: unusually large living room with open fireplace, formal size dining room. Up to the minute kitchen, rec room with walkout to pretty garden. Move in condition. Mrs. Asher, 789-3473.

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Bayview-Steeles
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Bayview — $229,500
Custom-built executive home. Impressive entrance hall, fabulous family room & den on main level. Gourmet kitchen, 5-6 bedrooms, 4 baths, central air. One of a kind. Call Paul Slavens, 483-4337.

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Forest Hill — $179,500
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One of the finest homes in this most desirable area, large principal rooms, beautiful entrance hall, main floor library, completely up-dated kitchen, large oak-panelled family room with fireplace, 5 bedrooms, 5 new bathrooms & sauna. Lower level is completely finished with extras. Nothing to do but move-in. To inspect this outstanding property, call Mrs. Caplan, 483-4337.

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Forest Hill — $99,500
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HOUSES FOR SALE

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Finch-Leslie — $70,900
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6 room bungalow, attached garage, appliances, 3 baths, beautiful garden. Choice location. Mrs. Reingold, 636-5200.

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Orthodox 19 year old girl wishes to share an apartment with same. Bathurst-Wilson area. (613) 728-4500 after six p.m. 12

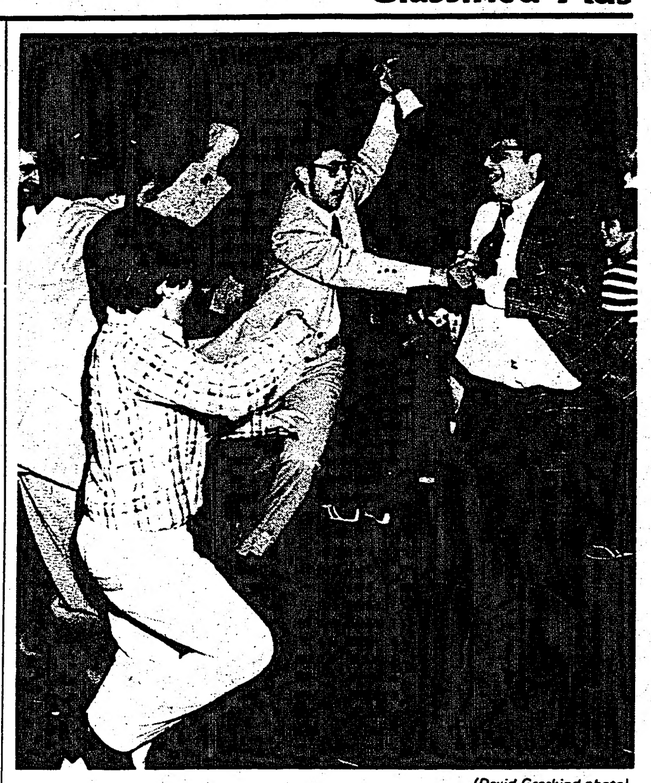
UNVEILINGS

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Arthur Joseph Richmond**, husband of Lillian, father of Sheila Goldberg, Stanley and Donald and grandfather of seven, will take place on Sunday, Aug. 14, 1977 at 11:45 a.m. at Bathurst Lawn Cemetery, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda section. 5

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late **Sarah Rottenberg** will take place on Sunday, August 7, 1977 at 11 a.m. at Bathurst Lawn Cemetery, Stopnitzer section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 5

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Meyer Belkind** will take place on Sunday, August 7, 1977 at 10:30 a.m. at Mount Sinai Memorial Park on Wilson Avenue, Beth Lida section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 5

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Edmond M. Wittlan** will take place on Sunday, August 14, 1977 at 10:45 a.m. at Mount Sinai Memorial Park on Wilson Ave., Farband section. All relatives and friends are invited to attend. 5



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David Cohen (left) and Shlomo Wadiche of Yeshivat Mikdash Melech, a Sephardic rabbinical college in New York, dance in celebration at Petah Tikva Anshe Castilla Congregation. A group of rabbis and students are in Toronto at invitation of shul to conduct Project S.H.A.R.E. — Sephardic Heritage and Religious Experience. Leon Oziel is the local organizer.

Mystery man honored

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a Bar-Ilan University dinner honoring his brother Nat. The device, he suspects, has been employed in a range of domestic activities as well.

Hurwich is rather nonchalant about the whole affair. "It came to me so easy," he says. A virtually self-taught electrical repairman and inventor, he adds: "I've always been mechanically inclined. I did electrical work from the time I was born and nearly got myself killed more than once."

As a curious adolescent he developed a skill in taking apart lamps and the few appliances manufactured in his childhood and translated their inner workings onto paper. That knowledge led him to the eventual presidency of Shock Electric Company, a one-of-a-kind firm of 60 employees which did all of General Electric's repair work and business with Eaton's, Simpson's and Ontario Hydro, straight through World War II.

His factory also had an unusual sideline — manufacturing machinegun parts destined for Palestine during 1936-40. "Some 25 plants in Canada and the U.S. made one piece each and they were shipped as bananas," he disclosed. One local automobile dealer lubricated the parts for transportation by sea voyage.

He talks matter-of-factly about the venture. Labor at the time was cheap, and his 50-cents-an-hour employees squeezed in the munition work unaware what the pieces had been designed for.

Ironically, Hurwich has never been to Israel. A heart condition forced him into condition at 36 and oxygen tanks in his bedsitting room attest to the medical problem. He had open heart surgery in 1963.

In his basement, crammed with old toasters, vacuum cleaners and an assortment of appliances, he still does repair work. "I do the jobs that others can't do or don't want to do," he says.

A craftsman with pride, he laments what he calls contemporary "junk", appliances designed to wear out as soon as the guarantee expires. "Soon there won't be such a thing as repairs," he says. "The big firms like GE are getting out of the headache of servicing because of the high cost of labor."

His electrical talents have served him well. Once an owner of a small hardware store, Hurwich says he was the first Canadian to start appliance repair, because all problems were at one time sent back to the manufacturer directly.

Through the course of the war he defused bombs, did repair work on all types of military equipment including machinery used in the construction of the Alaska highway. Large firms consulted him on their newest appliance models for his findings.

He still dabbles with inventions in his workshop and says, again enigmatically, that he is working on another military apparatus. Out of a vacuum machine part he has developed a holder that opens medicinal ampules (he takes shots regularly for his heart ailment) which could prove useful to diabetics.

Father to a grown son and daughter, he says retirement is out of the question and his mind is swimming with ideas. Suffering an emotional setback with the death of his wife Dolly last year and vascular surgery on his hand, he still argues: "The work I'm doing keeps me alive. It's a challenge and I love to do it. I'll never tire of it."

OBITUARIES

Baker, Mary - On July 17, 1977, late of 136 Scenic Millway.

Binstock, Morris - On July 11, late of 24 Laurentia Cres.

Berman, Phillip - On July 19, late of 24 Artreeva

Farberman, Jennie - On July 17, late of 11 Maxwell

Fisher, Murray - On July 20, late of 169 Giltspur

Kimel, Isaac - On July 17, late of 3636 Bathurst St.

Kleiner, Ruth - On July 10, late of 6161 Bathurst St.

Lakatos, Anna - On July 12, late of 275 Bleeker St.

Lastofsky, Annie - On July 16, late of 3560 Bathurst St.

Milgrom, Becky - On July 15, late of 53 Invermay Ave.

Mondzak, Annie - On July 16, late of 35 Elm Grove Ave.

Phillips, Joseph - On July 13, late of 3 Flemington Rd.

Reisz, Rose - On July 7, late of 450 Walmer Rd.

Rosenberg, Henry - On July 18, late of 6200 Bathurst St.

Rosenspier, Abraham - On July 14, late of 17 Donnalyn Dr.

Rubin, Naton - On July 19, late of 135 Antibes Dr.

Scheide, Uri - On July 17, late of 26 Sandringham

Shore, Fanny - On July 20, late of 3560 Bathurst St.

Smith, Annie - On July 18, late of 6010 Bathurst St.

Spigelman, Allan - On July 19, late of 6030 Bathurst St.

Turack, Edward John - On July 14, late of 22 Shallmar Blvd.

Wisotsky, Clara - On July 16, late of 3560 Bathurst St.

Wolfman, Samuel - On July 12, late of 177 Forest Hill Rd.

Zimkin, Frieda - On July 17, late of 500 Duplex Ave.

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Professor says

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President of the foundation, Aaron Pollack of Montreal, explained that the charitable organization's function was "to bring to the knowledge of Canadians a balanced perspective to the Mideast and Israel's position. There has been a tendency to give a one-sided approach in Oriental studies."

Added Executive Secretary Eugene Rothman, a Carleton University professor: "It's essentially an academic not a political venture." The Israeli scholar serves as liaison to university faculty, to the general and the Jewish community.

For the 1977/78 term, scholars from Israeli universities will spend a year at the universities of Montreal, Carleton, York and Manitoba. The program has quadrupled since it first began in 1974.

The foundation itself has generated $100,000 in the last year, split one-third among the Montreal and Toronto communities and the rest of Canada, according to Treasurer Jack Cummings of Montreal.

"We look to the day," said Cummings, "when there will be an endowment fund. When the foundation's track record is better established and its profile more important, it can rely on capital contributions."

Prof. Yoram Dinstein

Rothman commented that financial restraints in both Canadian and Israeli educational institutions make an exchange program a valuable way of introducing new blood into a faculty, on a yearly basis. The universities match the foundation grants for the program.

This year, the foundation devoted time to establishing long-term agreements for exchanges which have drawn the interest of Dalhousie, Montreal, Carleton, York and Manitoba universities.

Recently, the Canadian Political Science Association approached the foundation to explore the possibility of joint workshops.

Arts

The program of nursing staff education at Toronto Jewish Home for the Aged graduated 65 students from Seneca College recently as health care aides. Cutting cake are Rosalie Nepom, (second from left), nursing supervisor at J.H.A. and grads Arthur Scott, Miriam Minkowski and Rachel Benaim.

Love affair with Judaism makes colorful reading

books

By BERNARD BASKIN

My Search for the Messiah
By Mark Jay Mirsky
Collier Macmillan, Canada, Ltd. $11.50

It's exciting to have a love affair with Judaism. For Mark Jay Mirsky, a 35-year-old American writer and intellectual, the infatuation has come rather late in life. But it is fervid and intense.

Like lovers, generally he tends to wax intemperate in his evaluations and one-sided in his affirmations. Disdainful of 'establishment' Judaism and cavalierly waving aside Reform and Conservative Judaism as inauthentic, the author, in this autobiographical account of studies and wanderings in Israel and America, sets out in search of "the real thing."

The writer laments: "I had no identity outside of my roots in the Jewish past. The Jewish present, however, seemed vulgar, shallow, silly." And so this yearning, Massachussets-born, Jewish Don Quixote sets out in search of the Messiah.

He doesn't find him, but along the way the reader catches some of Mirsky's enthusiasm for his three Jewish gurus: the late Harry Wolfson of Harvard, noble scholar and philosopher, Gershon Scholem, brilliant innovator who opened for modern Jews their heritage of mysticism, and Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik, of Boston, neo-Orthodox Talmudic scholar, thinker and spellbinder.

Intrigued with the ideas of such false-Messiahs as Sabbatai Zevi, Jacob Frank and the erotic component of Jewish mysticism in the form of the "shekinah," Mirsky trods the byways of tradition. The reader is as often charmed and edified as he is bemused.

In the second half of the book the author recounts his visit to Israel — impressions, encounters and misadventures. Often disappointed with Israel's short-sightedness he protests: "What were we promised, Miami Beach, Dayton, Ohio? Only in Arab or Druse Israel, on the West Bank enclave, is the land of the Bible visible among the people, do I feel that I am in my geographical homeland. It is the dream of the ancient Hebrews that brought us here, and will nothing be left of the landscape of that dream but a biblical Disneyland?"

The trouble with this honest search for roots and meaning is its shrillness, intolerance, and extremism. Intelligent and absorbing it gets us no closer to the Messiah, but helps us to understand the author, and numerous Jews like him, who are in desperate search of themselves.

Israel's public relations suffers, Jewish morale in Diaspora erodes because of the media's political bias

comment

By RICK KARDONNE

What are we Jews, who are among the most literate people and media-aware people in the world, doing about the current tidal wave of anti-Israel hostilitiy arising from the British and American media?

Such hostility arising from such establishment journals as Time magazine is one thing. But now, the so-called "anti-establishment" cultural-oriented publications such as The Village Voice have joined hands with Time in vicious attacks upon Prime Minister Menachem Begin. Some of these magazines (such as New York) have featured some complimentary and not-so-complimentary articles on domestic Jewish life (such as "Jewish Women Novelists and How They Kvetch"). But any positive mention of the Israeli arts scene (Israeli movies, when they rarely do appear in New York, usually get panned); let alone any positive mention of Israeli politics; is strictly taboo.

The same "counter-culture" press not so long ago glorified the ideal of "revolutionary national self-determination" for Cuba, Vietnam, etc. (whose destinies are actually determined for them by Moscow). But the vision of Jewish self-determination, championed by Menachem Begin, is as much anathema to the radical chic as it is to the reactionary sheikh.

If Mr. Begin had not been Jewish, he would have been, to these journals, the ideal counter-culture hero. He drove the British imperialist army out of Eretz Israel; he strictly adheres to pure democracy; he is now singlehandedly defying both the American big corporate interests (greased by Arab petrodollars) and the Russian imperial designs in the Mideast, but he's Jewish. And so long as we Jews take matters into our own hands, as opposed to being subservient shlemiels or agents, be it cultural, political, or commercial, for somebody else; the Village Voice and like-minded "culture-oriented" rags will howl.

This serious media problem not only harms Israeli public relations; it also erodes Jewish morale from within, especially among those of us who regularly read these magazines due to our traditional interest in contemporary cultural affairs.

Sadly, there are Jewish assimilationists within our own ranks who are contributing to this tragic breakdown in morale; not only the political self-haters such as Noam Chomsky; but also the multitudes of Jewish record producers, film distributors, etc. who absolutely refuse to promote Israeli cultural product, even when they know in their hearts that there exists a large Jewish market in North America.

A recent article in Variety magazine's annual worldwide film review documents the anger which Israeli filmmakers feel against American Jewish producers in Hollywood who refuse to touch anything made in Israel. It's easier to get British gentiles interested in Israeli productions than it is to get Hollywood Jews, according to this article. Especially now, this is an absolute disgrace.

The answer to this severe problem is the establishment of a massive Jewish information-and-propaganda agency throughout the Diaspora; not only for the purpose of presenting Israel's case to the non-Jewish world, but also for the purpose of galvanizing our own ranks now that Israel has commendably elected a government whose sole purpose is Jewish national self-determination.

Specifically, I recommend a continental-wide Jewish research-and-speakers network of up to 30 professional staff members to promote Israel's cause; a cultural exchange program between Israel and the Diaspora so as to create a unified world contemporary Jewish cultural scene; a much greater and much more comprehensive foreign export network for Israeli contemporary arts, utilizing synagogues and the 'Y' as initial showcases for new Israeli movies; the production of professional Jewish film, theatre and music events in the Diaspora on a much greater basis and, finally, the maintenance of the Shalom TV program.

All of these recommendations entail considerable expenditures; but, in the context of the worldwide media hostility and indifference we are now encountering, these expenditures must be seen within the context of Israel's national, and thus, world Jewry's, defense.

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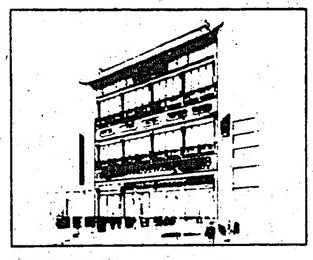

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